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ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF
BELLINGHAM
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IN MEMORIAM

CHESTER B. BARROWS
1910 - 1996
FORMER MEMBER OF
BOARD OF HEALTH
WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
PARKS COMMISSION

RODOLPHE R. BEAUREGARD
1915 - 1996
FORMER MEMBER OF THE WATER/SEWER COMMISSION

ANDRE R. FLEUETTE, SR.
1912 - 1996
SERVED AS HEALTH AGENT
CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR
CHAIRMAN OF THE CHARTER COMMISSION, 1972-73

RAYMOND P. LADOUCEUR
1927 - 1996
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BELLINGHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY, 1969-1991

GERTRUDE E. TAYLOR
1915 - 1996
FORMER MEMBER, BELLINGHAM COUNCIL ON AGING

VINCENT R. THAYER
1916 - 1996
SERVED AS BELLINGHAM'S FIRST FULL-TIME FIRE CHIEF

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for the Year Ending December 31, 1996

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

1996 ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

John E. Tuttle, Jr., Chairman
James A. McElroy, Vice Chairman
Guy A. Fleurette
Jerald A. Mayhew
Ann L. Odabashian

TOWN CLERK

Kathleen M. Harvey

MODERATOR

Nicholas Winter

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ernest H. Pelletier, Jr., Chairman
Elizabeth A. Cournoyer, Vice Chairperson
Donald R. Burlingame
Robert W. Lamont
Stephen R. Patrick

PLANNING BOARD

Anne M. Morse, Chairperson
William M. Wozniak, Vice Chairman
Paul Chupa
Roland R. Laprade
Edward T. Moore
Richard V. Dill, *Associate Member*

CONSTABLES

Robert J. Badzmierowski
Paul Chupa
Norman L. McLinden
William A. Spear, Jr.

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

E. Kevin Harvey

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Linda G. Lord, Chairperson
Lea Kraus, Vice Chairperson
Maryclare Burke
Francis R. Newton
Joanne K. McAneny

1996 ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS (con't)

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Frank E. Morse, Chairman
Billiegene A. Lavallee, Vice Chairperson
Edward A. Armstrong
Elizabeth A. Lowry
Felix E. McDaniel

1996 APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Denis C. Fraine

TOWN COUNSEL

Lee G. Ambler

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Marilyn A. Mathieu

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Grace L. Devitt

CHIEF OF POLICE

Richard B. Boucher

FIRE CHIEF - FOREST FIRE CHIEF

Richard F. Ranieri

D.P.W. DIRECTOR

Donald F. DiMartino

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

Laura Einsadter

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HOUSING AUTHORITY

Janice Forget

BOARD OF HEALTH

Lawrence J. Cibley, Chairman
Wilfred Arcand, Jr., Vice Chairman
Vincent Forte, Jr.

HEALTH AGENT

Albert Florentz

CIVIL DEFENSE AUXILIARY POLICE

Eugene F. Bartlett, Chief
Earl J. Vater, Captain
John Kauker, Sgt.

James Eames, Dep. Chief
G. Steven Schreffler, Lieut.
Joseph Matkowski, Sgt.

Auxiliary Patrolmen

Mark W. Duquette
Richard Kardinal
Scott Provost
Fred Savoie, Jr.
Thomas Keirstead

Jason Boiteau
Kenneth W. Jones
Ronald F. Mason
John Fowler
Roger Robert, Jr.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Clifford A. Matthews, Chairman
George C. Holmes, Vice Chairman
Andrea M. Austin
Richard A. Catalano
Anne A. Matthews
Stephen W. Racicot
James E. Reger

COUNCIL FOR THE AGING

George C. Munger, Chairman
Raymond A. Boutiette, Vice Chairman
Catherine J. DeTore
John W. Fisher
Norman V. Gibeault
Mildred F. Gorman
J. Eleanor Lawless
Jennie B. Monteiro
William W. Monteiro
Mary Peluso
Laurette Plouffe

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Roland R. Laprade, Chairman
Jerald A. Mayhew, Vice Chairman
J. Eugene Corriveau
James Duncan
Joseph A. Dupuis
Edward T. Moore
Emile W. Niedzwiadek
Russell T. Phillips, Jr.
Stephen W. Racicot

FINANCE COMMITTEE

James D. Caddick, Chairman
Cheryl A. Gray, Vice Chairperson
Sharon M. Bryant
Michael T. Carney
Carla J. Doyle
Henri J. Masson
Gary E. Maynard
Toni A. Picariello
Howard C. Quimby

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Ernest A. Taft, Chairman
Elizabeth T. Andrews
Muriel L. Henault-Locklin
Florence M. McCracken
Mary E. Nicholson
Rita J. Sawyer
Katherine M. Smith

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Roland R. Laprade, Chairman
Jerald A. Mayhew, Vice Chairman
Joseph A. Dupuis
Ralph A. Martell
Russell T. Phillips

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Stuart LeClair
Earl J. Vater, Assistant

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS

Paul B. St. George
Frederick J. Capozzoli, Assistant
Roger E. Gaboury, Assistant

INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Henry L. Boucher

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Florent Levesque
Richard D. Marcoux, Assistant
Eugene F. Reckert, Assistant

INSURANCE COMMISSION

Grace L. Devitt
Denis C. Fraine
Marilyn A. Mathieu

MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

Guy A. Fleurette, Chairman

Andrea M. Austin	Thomas L. Burkholder
Elizabeth A. Cournoyer	Richard Dill
Muriel L. Henault-Locklin	Roland R. Laprade
Jerald A. Mayhew	Stephen R. Patrick
Russell T. Phillips, Jr.	Vincent Forte
Joyce Godbout	Roland Lavallee
Bruce Lord	Sara Pultz
William L. Roberts	Gordon Swanson

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS' DAY COMMITTEE

Denis Auger	Raymond E. Fenoff
Robert C. Bragdon	David A. Fuller
Allen G. Crawford	Marilynn L. Pareseau
Marcel R. Crepeau	Warren E. Pareseau
Allen M. Doherty	Frank Powers

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Denis C. Fraine

PARKS COMMISSION

William L. Roberts, Chairman
Robert P. Bartlett, Vice Chairman
Kevin D. Clancy, Sr.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Monice J. Trottier
Robert J. Badzmierowski
Cindy L. Lewis

PRECINCT WARDENS & DEPUTY WARDENS

<i>Wardens</i>		<i>Political Party</i>	<i>Deputy Wardens</i>	
Alice H. Bissonnette	P-1	DEMOCRAT	Rachel Stratman	P-1
Joanne K. McAneny	P-2	REPUBLICAN	Emanuel F. Coder	P-2
Kenneth A. Bogan	P-3	DEMOCRAT	Florence M. McCracken	P-3
Theresa J. Marini	P-4	DEMOCRAT	Phyllis P. Cesaroni	P-4
Victoria E. Jacks*	P-5	REPUBLICAN	J. Eugene Corriveau	P-5

* Retired November 1996

TOWN COMMON COMMITTEE

John M. Wozniak, Chairman
G. Steven Schreffler, Vice Chairman
Theodore C. Bailey
Kathleen M. Harvey
Sandra E. Hickey
Clifford A. Matthews
Ernest H. Pelletier, Jr.
Daniel J. Ranieri
Ernest A. Taft
Denis C. Fraine, ex-officio

TOWN MEETING TELLERS

Susan A. Manor, Head Teller

Alice H. Bissonnette	Brenda L. Bussey
Gail J. Dehmer	Mary S. Halloran
Anne M. Kunczewicz	Linda G. Lord
Grace M. Mazzola	Elaine Szamreta
Sheila L. Parker	Patricia A. Rotatori
Rosemary O. Verna	

VETERANS' AGENT AND DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Anthony D. Mazzola

VETERANS' GRAVE AGENT

Russell H. Chase

WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT

Nancy A. Bailey

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Regular Members

Robert J. Andrews, Chairman
Morton J. BenMaor, Vice Chairman
John S. Sikonski
Alfred A. Daprato
Edward C. Clair

Alternate Member

Paul H. Peter
Arturo G. Paturzo
Jeffrey Scornavacca

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Florence M. MacLaughlin

ASSISTANT TOWN COLLECTOR

Barbara J. Gallagher

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

M. Kathleen Rooney

ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Nancy A. Bailey

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jacqueline A. Richard

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO D.P.W. DIRECTOR

Claire M. Fontaine

SECRETARY TO TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Catherine F. Creasia

CLERK TO INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Jill A. Karakeian

CLERK TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Anne M. Matthews

CLERK TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brenda L. Bussey

CLERK TO PERSONNEL BOARD

Monice J. Trottier

CLERK TO PLANNING BOARD

Valerie J. DeAngelis

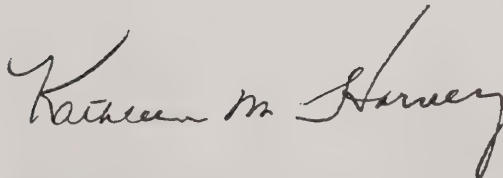
CLERK TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ann Goulet

CLERK TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Debra K. Sacco

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen M. Harvey".

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICIAL POPULATION STATISTICS

<u>CENSUS DATE</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
May 25, 1765	468
March 29, 1776	627
January 1, 1978	14,619
January 1, 1979	14,692
January 1, 1980	14,476
January 1, 1981	14,339
January 1, 1982	14,209
January 1, 1983	14,098
January 1, 1984	14,107
January 1, 1985	13,981
January 1, 1986	13,911
January 1, 1987	14,001
January 1, 1988	14,140
January 1, 1989	14,404
January 1, 1990	14,375
January 1, 1991	14,319
January 1, 1992	14,187
January 1, 1993	14,275
January 1, 1994	14,217
January 1, 1995	14,251
January 1, 1996	14,525

OFFICIAL FEDERAL POPULATION STATISTICS

<u>CENSUS DATE</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
August 1, 1790	735
August 1, 1800	704
August 1, 1810	766
August 1, 1820	1,034
June 1, 1830	1,102
June 1, 1840	1,055
June 1, 1850	1,281
June 1, 1860	1,313
June 1, 1870	1,282
June 1, 1880	1,223
June 1, 1890	1,334
June 1, 1900	1,682
April 15, 1910	1,696
January 1, 1920	2,102
April 1, 1930	3,189
April 1, 1940	2,979
April 1, 1950	4,100
April 1, 1960	6,774
April 1, 1970	13,967
April 1, 1980	14,300
April 1, 1990	14,877

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
WARRANT FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town elections to meet at Stall Brook School in Precinct #1, at Clara Macy School in Precinct #2, at the Bellingham Library in Precinct #3 and at Assumption Parish Hall in Precinct #4 and #5 in said Bellingham on:

TUESDAY, the 5th day of March, 1996

7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the following purposes

To cast their votes to the Primary Officers for the election of candidates of political parties for the following office:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

DISTRICT MEMBERS OF STATE COMMITTEE (one man & one woman) for each Political Party for the Worcester/Norfolk Senatorial District.

.....Members of the Democratic Town Committee

.....Members of the Republican Town Committee

.....Members of the Libertarian Committee

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six.

Guy A. Fleurette, Chairman

Mitchell J. Clinton, Vice Chairman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Bellingham, MA

John E. Tuttle, Jr.

James A. McElroy

Jerald A. Mayhew

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Norfolk, ss:

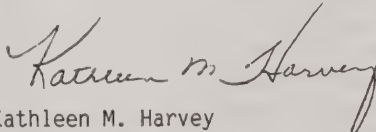
Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same in at least one public place in each Precinct of the Town, in accordance with Town By-laws.

Date Posted: February 21, 1996

Paul Chupa
Constable of Bellingham

A true record.

ATTEST:


Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
DEMOCRATIC PARTY

MARCH 5, 1996
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

(5) Bill Clinton	57	78	56	63	72	326
(6) Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	4	3	1	8	8	24
(7) No Preference	5	9	1	10	7	32
All Others	0	0	0	2	0	2
BLANKS	2	3	2	5	13	25
TOTAL	68	93	60	88	100	409

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

(11) Louis P. Bertonazzi	58	76	50	73	78	335
All Others	0	0	10	0	0	10
BLANKS	10	17	0	15	22	64
TOTAL	68	93	60	88	100	409

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

(15) Irene T. Kokocinski	53	73	48	67	66	307
All Others	0	0	12	0	0	12
BLANKS	15	20	0	21	34	90
TOTAL	68	93	60	88	100	409

TOWN COMMITTEE

(23) Nicholas Winter	45	44	32	52	47	220
(24) Margaret C. Winter	44	45	29	45	43	206
(25) Daniel J. Ranieri	50	77	37	64	70	298
(26) Cynthia A. Lowry	40	52	33	40	50	215
(27) William P. Bissonnette	52	58	34	54	51	249
(28) Cheryl A. Gray	41	51	31	46	43	212
(29) Bruno M. Santini	37	52	29	48	63	229
(30) Gerard L. Daigle	46	56	36	50	49	237
(31) Henri J. Masson	41	53	31	53	61	239
(32) Clifford A. Matthews	43	54	33	43	42	215
(33) Ernest A. Taft	41	55	36	52	56	240
(34) John E. Tuttle, Jr.	43	58	35	54	60	250
(35) Eileen A. Tuttle	41	48	34	43	51	217
(36) Maryclare Burke	41	62	34	44	40	221
(37) Donald R. Burlingame	48	53	30	49	53	233
(38) Emile W. Niedzwiadek	36	45	30	47	48	206
(39) Timothy P. Nelson	39	45	32	38	39	193
(40) Thomas C. Burgess	37	46	33	38	37	191
(41) Maria P. Desrosiers	39	44	30	39	44	196
(42) Suzanne L. Ranieri	49	63	33	60	63	268
(43) Denis P. Remillard	42	50	31	52	62	237
(44) Dennis P. Mattson	37	45	29	40	52	203
(45) Norman L. McLinden	41	53	32	51	60	237
(46) Leo E. Remillard	38	47	33	52	60	230
(47) Richard F. Ranieri	39	58	34	48	59	238
(48) Raymond R. Gagne	38	47	30	48	55	218
(49) Rachel L. Stratman	41	47	30	38	35	191
(50) Alice H. Bissonnette	47	50	32	48	45	222
(51) Bruce W. Lord	40	50	34	41	39	204
(52) Linda G. Lord	41	48	34	40	38	201
(53) John R. Burke	40	48	32	45	44	209
(54) Emma L. Cousens	40	52	32	39	43	206
(55) Allen M. Doherty	37	48	29	39	37	190
(56) John P. Murray	37	44	30	40	37	188
(57) Elizabeth A. Lowry	43	60	34	50	63	250
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	926	1,447	972	1,450	1,761	6,556
TOTAL	2,380	3,255	2,100	3,080	3,500	14,315

MARCH 5, 1996						
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY						
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM REPUBLICAN PARTY	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTALS

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE						

(5) Richard G. Lugar	0	1	1	0	0	2
(6) Morry Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0
(7) Phil Gramm	0	1	0	1	0	2
(8) Patrick J. Buchanan	54	53	56	51	42	256
(9) Bob Dole	59	47	56	60	34	256
(10) Steve Forbes	17	26	20	19	12	94
(11) Lamar Alexander	11	24	10	11	7	63
(12) Alan Keyes	1	2	0	2	1	6
(13) Robert K. Dornan	0	1	0	5	0	6
(14) No Preference	1	3	1	0	1	6
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	2	0	3	1	9	15
TOTAL	145	158	147	150	106	706

STATE COMMITTEE MAN						

(22) Edward L. Bertorelli	95	105	97	108	58	463
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	50	53	50	42	48	243
TOTAL	145	158	147	150	106	706

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN						

(29) Norma Cash-Smith	100	101	99	111	61	472
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	45	57	48	39	45	234
TOTAL	145	158	147	150	106	706

TOWN COMMITTEE						

(42) Patricia A. Rotatori	86	87	85	93	60	411
(43) Joanne K. McAneny	81	95	84	85	51	396
(44) Norman J. Berry	77	79	69	85	53	363
(45) Mary Ambler	80	82	86	86	56	390
(46) Sheila L. Parker	83	80	72	81	49	365
(47) Nancy L.B. Zazza	78	85	74	84	65	386
(48) Walter J. DePaolo	79	80	73	79	51	362
(49) Pierrette M. Corriveau	74	80	75	92	61	382
(50) Mary Brennan Dubois	75	77	82	84	52	370
(51) Billiegene A. Lavallee	79	78	73	84	56	370
(52) Neil X. McAneny	83	82	81	80	49	375
(53) Elizabeth A. Goodnow	81	80	71	81	54	367
(54) Carolyn J. Prescott	82	92	75	83	52	384
(55) Barbara A. Cox	81	90	78	84	51	384
(56) Felix E. McDaniel	77	76	70	78	49	350
(57) Emanuel F. Coder	76	80	68	80	49	353
(58) Lloyd W. Goodnow, Jr.	81	75	70	79	55	360
(59) J. Eugene Corriveau	81	86	80	96	66	409
(60) E. Kevin Harvey	86	85	82	85	54	392
(61) Elwyn R. Parker	80	75	72	80	49	356
(62) Gordon D. Curtis	76	83	75	83	52	369
(63) Barbara D. Rhodes	80	78	76	90	61	385
(64) Jerald A. Mayhew	87	91	75	88	53	394
(65) Elizabeth A. Cournoyer	86	85	80	83	52	386
(66) Rosemary O. Verna	81	77	71	81	48	358
(67) George E. Dubois	75	79	78	81	56	369
(68) Victoria E. Jacks	75	77	71	86	58	367
(69) Leroy F. Manor	78	76	79	82	48	363
(70) Margaret T. Tuttle	84	88	79	89	67	407
(71) David L. Tuttle, Jr.	87	85	83	91	63	409
(72) Cynthia L. Glöse	75	76	73	81	50	355
(73) William L. Johnson	77	80	67	80	49	353

REPUBLICAN PARTY
(Con't)

TOTALS

(74) Michael T. Carney	80	78	77	83	52	370
(75) Gail J. Dehmer	75	77	71	82	50	355
(76) Melissa A. Newman	89	86	78	81	55	389
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	2,270	2,670	2,492	2,310	1,814	11,556
TOTAL	5,075	5,530	5,145	5,250	3,710	24,710

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MARCH 5, 1996

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
LIBERTARIAN PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

(5) Harry Browne	1	0	1	0	0	2
(6) Rick Tompkins	0	0	0	0	1	1
(7) Irwin Schiff	0	0	0	0	0	0
(8) No Preference	1	0	0	0	0	1
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	0	1	0	1	4

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

(11)						
All others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	2	0	1	0	1	4
TOTAL	2	0	1	0	1	4

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Toni Picariello	1	0	0	0	0	1
All others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	1	0	1	0	1	3
TOTAL	2	0	1	0	1	4

TOWN COMMITTEE

(16)						
(17)						
(18)						
All others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	2	0	1	0	1	4
TOTAL	2	0	1	0	1	4

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

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Registered voters by Precinct	1,457	1,589	1,513	1,607	1,646	7,812
Democratic Votes Cast	68	93	60	88	100	409
Republican Votes Cast	145	158	147	150	106	706
Libertarian Votes Cast	2	0	1	0	1	4
Total Votes cast per precinct	215	251	208	238	207	1,119
% of voters per precinct	15%	16%	14%	15%	13%	14%

A true record.

ATTEST: Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

Kathleen M. Harvey

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary

Norfolk ss.
to either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Stall Brook School in Precinct #1; Clara Macy School in Precinct # 2;
Bellingham Public Library in Precinct # 3 and the Assumption Parish Hall in
Precinct #4 and #5.

on: TUESDAY, THE TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, 1996 from 7:00 AM to
8:00 PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for candidates of political parties for the
following office:

STATE SENATOR IN THE GENERAL COURT..... Worcester and Norfolk

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time
and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of March, 1996.

Guy A. Fleurette, Chairman
Mitchell J. Clinton
James A. McElroy

John E. Tuttle, Jr.
Jerald A. Mayhew
SELECTMEN OF BELLINGHAM

Return of the Warrant

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of
Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same in at least one public place in each
precinct of Town.

Dated: March 15, 1996
Paul Chupa, Constable of Bellingham

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM	SPECIAL PRIMARY					
March 26, 1996	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTALS

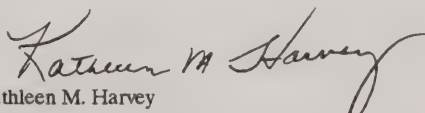
DEMOCRATIC PARTY						
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT						
(3) Richard T. Moore	20	19	14	17	30	100
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	0	0	2	0	0	2
TOTAL	20	19	16	17	30	102

REPUBLICAN PARTY						
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT						
(3) John M. Briare	16	14	24	16	9	79
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	14	24	16	9	79

LIBERTARIAN PARTY						
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT						
(3) No Candidate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toni Picariello	1	0	0	0	0	1
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	2	0	0	0	0	2

A true record.

ATTEST:


Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin, Secretary

Norfolk ss.
to either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in the Special State Election to vote at:

Stall Brook School in Precinct #1; Clara Macy School in Precinct # 2;
Bellingham Public Library in Precinct # 3 and the Assumption Parish Hall in
Precinct #4 and #5.

on: TUESDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF APRIL, 1996 from 7:00 AM to
8:00 PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special State Election for candidates for:

STATE SENATOR IN THE GENERAL COURT.....Worcester and Norfolk

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time
and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of March, 1996.

Guy A. Fleurette, Chairman
Mitchell J. Clinton
James A. McElroy

John E. Tuttle, Jr.
Jerald A. Mayhew
SELECTMEN OF BELLINGHAM

Return of the Warrant

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of
Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same in at least one public place in each
precinct of Town.

Dated: March 15, 1996
Paul Chupa, Constable of Bellingham

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

April 23, 1996

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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
Worcester & Norfolk District

(3) JOHN M. BRIARE	57	55	69	50	61	292
(4) RICHARD T. MOORE	60	56	49	66	93	324
						0
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	3	1	6	3	13	26
TOTAL	120	112	124	119	167	642

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

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Registered voters by Precinct	1,477	1,612	1,566	1,627	1,670	7,952
Total Votes Cast per Precinct	120	112	124	119	167	642
% of voters per precinct	8.1%	7.6%	8.4%	8.1%	11.3%	8.1%

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Bellingham
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

Norfolk ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Town Elections to meet at:

Stall Brook School in Precinct #1; Clara Macy School in Precinct # 2;
Bellingham Public Library in Precinct # 3 and the Assumption Parish Hall in
Precinct #4 and #5 in said Bellingham on:

MONDAY, the SIXTH DAY of MAY, 1996
Polls will Open at 7:00 AM and Close at 8:00 PM.

To cast their vote for the following:

Two Selectmen	For a term of Three Years
One Housing Authority Member	For Five Years
One Housing Authority Member	For Two Years
One Housing Authority Member	For One Year
One School Committee Member	For Three Years
One School Committee Member	For One Year
Two Library Trustees	For Three Years
One Planning Board Member	For Three Years

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each precinct of said Town fourteen days, at least, before the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six.

Guy A. Fleurette, Chairman
Mitchell J. Clinton, Vice Chairman
James A. McElroy

John E. Tuttle, Jr.
Jerald A. Mayhew
SELECTMEN OF BELLINGHAM

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Norfolk, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same in at least one public place in each precinct of the town, in accordance with Town By-Laws.

date posted: April 24, 1996

Paul Chupa
Constable of Bellingham

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 6, 1996**

						% of votes	
OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTAL	CAST

SELECTMEN (3 years)							
TWO to be elected							

(3) MITCHELL J. CLINTON	128	111	176	245	234	894	42%
(4) GUY A. FLEUETTE	181	191	200	281	376	1,229	57%
(5) ANN L. ODABASHIAN	180	284	208	237	255	1,164	54%
All others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	133	232	138	267	235	1,005	47%
TOTAL	622	818	722	1,030	1,100	4,292	

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)							
ONE to be elected							

(8) ELIZABETH A. LOWRY	228	283	280	342	390	1,523	71%
All others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	83	126	81	173	160	623	29%
TOTAL	311	409	361	515	550	2,146	

HOUSING AUTHORITY (2 years)							
ONE to be elected							

(11) FELIX E. McDANIEL	202	250	251	304	349	1,356	63%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	109	159	110	211	201	790	37%
TOTAL	311	409	361	515	550	2,146	

HOUSING AUTHORITY (1 year)							
ONE to be elected							

Edward A. Armstrong	6	13	24	30	11	84	4%
Walter Stearns	2	0	0	0	0	2	0%
Roger Desrosiers	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Alfred C. Canesi	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
BLANKS	303	396	337	485	537	2,058	96%
TOTAL	311	409	361	515	550	2,146	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 years)							
ONE to be elected							

(21) SCOTT A. AMBLER	131	99	176	207	246	859	40%
(22) ROBERT W. LAMONT	153	266	154	246	249	1,068	50%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	27	44	31	62	55	219	10%
TOTAL	311	409	361	515	550	2,146	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (1 year)							
ONE to be elected							

(25) COLLEEN M. LANGELIER	35	64	41	122	167	429	40%
(26) HAROLD A. MAINES	143	157	94	159	180	733	68%
(27) STEPHEN R. PATRICK	114	145	201	175	154	789	74%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	19	43	25	59	49	195	18%
TOTAL	311	409	361	515	550	2,146	

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION of MAY 6, 1996

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LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3 years)

TWO to be elected

(30) MARYCLARE BURKE	203	315	276	318	359	1,471	69%
(31) LINDA G. LORD	173	198	224	280	291	1,166	54%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	246	305	222	432	450	1,655	77%
TOTAL	622	818	722	1,030	1,100	4,292	

PLANNING BOARD (3 years)

ONE to be elected

(34) EDWARD T. MOORE	222	277	276	351	390	1,516	71%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	89	132	85	164	160	630	29%
TOTAL	311	409	361	515	550	2,146	

STATISTICAL INFORMATION P-1 P-2 P-3 P-4 P-5 TOTALS

Registered voters by Precinct	1,485	1,613	1,568	1,630	1,675	7,971
Votes cast by Precinct	311	409	361	515	550	2,146
% of Votes cast by Precinct	20.9%	25.4%	23.0%	31.6%	32.8%	26.9%

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
 Kathleen M. Harvey
 Bellingham Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 22, 1996 AT 7:30 PM
(Including adjourned session of May 29, 1996 at 7:30 PM)

ARTICLE 1. OPERATING EXPENSES AND SALARIES

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the various Town Departments, for the period commencing July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

VOTED: Monies to be raised by taxation unless otherwise noted.

ITEM #

114	MODERATOR		\$	
		Elected Salaries		215.00
		Expenses		75.00
122	BOARD OF SELECTMEN			
		Elected Salaries		6,000.00
		Salaries		30,694.00
		Expenses		34,951.00
123	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR			
		Salaries		71,300.00
		Expenses		6,000.00
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
		Salaries		1,680.00
		Expenses		1,450.00
132	RESERVE FUND			
		Expenses		150,000.00
135	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER			
		Salaries		91,468.00
		Expenses		21,750.00
137	TAX ASSESSORS			
		Appointed Salaries		3,800.00
		Salaries		98,923.00
		Expenses		38,000.00
138	TOWN TREASURER			
		Salaries		47,763.00
		Expenses		53,130.00
139	TOWN COLLECTOR			
		Salaries		95,841.00
		Expenses		53,451.00
151	TOWN COUNSEL			
		Salaries		15,000.00
		Expenses		21,300.00
152	PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT			
		Salaries		1,680.00
		Expenses		310.00

154	MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM		
		Salaries	0
		Expenses	44,500.00
		Capital Outlay	96,000.00
161	TOWN CLERK		
		Elected Salaries	36,154.00
		Salaries	23,958.00
		Expenses	2,010.00
162	ELECTION & TOWN MEETINGS		
		Expenses	25,600.00
163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS		
		Salaries	1,400.00
		*Expenses	6,800.00
	<p>* The Board of Registrars is authorized to appoint one of its members, excluding the clerk of the board, to serve as Census Updater and to pay said Registrar \$9.00 per hour, not to exceed \$1,000.00 of the total Expense Budget.</p>		
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
		Salaries	2,700.00
		Expenses	2,780.00
172	PLANNING BOARD		
		Elected Salaries	5,000.00
		Salaries	6,129.00
		Expenses	16,411.00
173	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS		
		Salaries	2,135.00
		Expenses	910.00
180	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY		
		Expenses	1.00
181	AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION		
		Salaries	500.00
		Expenses	500.00
182	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION		
		Expenses	1,000.00
189	PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE		
		Salaries	7,000.00
		Expenses	122,500.00
190	ON THE JOB INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE		
		Expenses	80,000.00
191	WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT		
		Salaries	3,000.00
192	EMPLOYEE SICK DAY BUY-BACK FUND		
		Salaries	50,000.00

193	PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE	Expenses	225,000.00
194	RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	Expenses	690,000.00
195	MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE	Expenses	75,000.00
196	TOWN REPORTS	Expenses	5,000.00
197	PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	Expenses	24,000.00
198	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	Expenses	20,000.00
199	DAMAGE TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	Expenses	1.00
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT	Capital Outlay	3,000.00
		Salaries	1,276,434.00
		Expenses	80,800.00
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT	Salaries	623,555.00
		Expenses	40,267.00
251	TOWN INSPECTOR	Salaries	57,314.00
		Expenses	5,840.00
252	SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	Salaries	1,200.00
		Expenses	600.00
253	INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS	Salaries	19,315.00
		Expenses	600.00
255	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	Salaries	19,000.00
		Expenses	700.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	Salaries	35,290.00
		Expenses	7,127.00
294	TREE WARDEN	Appointed Salaries	4,232.00
		Salaries	3,720.00
		Expenses	1,555.00
299	AUXILIARY POLICE	Expenses	3,876.00

300	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	Elected Salaries	5,000.00
		Expenses	10,955,000.00
302	BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC. TECH. SCHOOL	Expenses	119,899.00
303	SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	Expenses	875,000.00
421	HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	Salaries	43,260.00
		Expenses	5,600.00
422	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE	Salaries	400,520.00
		Expenses	124,500.00
423	SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	Salaries	20,000.00
		Expenses	80,000.00
424	STREET LIGHTING	Expenses	105,000.00
425	HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	Expenses	38,000.00
426	GAS & OIL	Expenses	75,000.00
433	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	Expenses	680,000.00
439	SANITARY LANDFILL	Expenses	15,000.00
440	CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT	Expenses	151,500.00
441	WOONSOCKET WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	Expenses	54,000.00
450	WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT	Public Works Exper	2,500.00
		Salaries	326,650.00
		Expenses	320,300.00
491	CEMETERY COMMITTEE	Appointed Salaries	3,600.00
		Expenses	5,000.00
496	INSECT PEST CONTROL	Expenses	100.00
497	DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL	Expenses	100.00

510	BOARD OF HEALTH	Appointed Salaries	800.00
		Salaries	32,010.00
		Expenses	19,290.00
541	COUNCIL ON AGING	Salaries	43,489.00
		Expenses	9,700.00
543	VETERANS' SERVICES	Salaries	6,000.00
		Expenses	27,250.00
549	VETERANS' GRAVE AGENT	Salaries	600.00
		Expenses	250.00
610	LIBRARY	Elected Salaries	525.00
		Salaries	130,866.00
		Expenses	76,110.00
630	PARKS AND RECREATION	Appointed Salaries	350.00
		Salaries	26,520.00
		Expenses	47,640.00
635	THEODORE ARCAND RECREATIONAL PARK	Expenses	1.00
650	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	Expenses	2,100.00
651	ARTS LOTTERY COMMISSION	Arts Lottery Comm	5,000.00
660	MEMORIAL DAY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS	Expenses	10,000.00
710	DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	Expenses	1,810,000.00
715	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST ON BONDS	Expenses	1,490,000.00
990	TRANSFER TO WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FUND	Transfer	150,000.00
992	TRANSFER TO GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND	Transfer	1,650,000.00
NOTE:			
* All travel expenses to be paid at a rate of \$.21 per mile.			
* No travel expenses to be paid except upon receipt of vouchers showing date, expenses incurred, and the number of miles traveled.			
			24,549,224.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 2. CONVEYANCES AND EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and/or purchase conveyances or easements, sewers, water lines, retaining walls and streets, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to carry out said purposes; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and/or purchase conveyances or easements, sewers, water lines, retaining walls and street, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 to carry out said purposes, said monies to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 3. PURCHASE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to authorize the D.P.W. Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 and to authorize the D.P.W. Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town, said sum to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 4. TOWN PROPERTY AUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute quitclaim deeds and other instruments thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute quitclaim deeds and other instruments thereto; said authority to expire June 30, 1997.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 5. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: D.P.W. Director)

VOTED: Unanimously voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 6. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State reimbursement; and expended under the direction of the D.P.W. Director; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: D.P.W. Director)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State reimbursement; and expended under the direction of the D.P.W. Director.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 7. AMEND ARTICLE 1.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 1995 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Article 1 of the 1995 Annual Town Meeting by transferring funds as follows:

FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

Item #	Department	Amount Requested
194	Retirement Assessment	\$ 5,000.00
426	Gas and Oil	8,000.00
433	Solid waste Expenses	10,000.00
440	Charles River Pollution Control District	27,400.00
441	Woonsocket Waste Water Treatment Plant	16,500.00
710	Maturing Debt - Principal	20,000.00
715	Interest of Bonds	240,000.00
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		\$ 326,900.00

FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

Item #	Department	Amount Requested
189	Public Buildings Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00
195	Medicare/Employer Share	5,000.00
210	Police Department - Salaries	8,000.00
303	School Transportation	20,000.00
422	Highway Construction/Maintenance	43,900.00
423	Snow and Ice Removal	240,000.00
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		\$ 326,900.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 8. CAPITAL OUTLAY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Laws Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously.

PART A:

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the sum of \$400,000.00 be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing (1) Four Room Modular Classroom and that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$400,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Also, that the sum of \$60,000.00 be appropriated for the purchase of Ball Field Lights at the High School Football Field and that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$60,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Further, that the some of \$100,000.00 be appropriated for the construction of Playing Fields to be located behind the school football field and that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$100,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Said borrowing is subject to the application and awarding of a \$50,000.00 "Urban Self-Help Grant" which will reimburse the Town's General Fund.

Further, that the sum of \$405,000.00 be appropriated for the purchase and equipping of a Ladder Truck and that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$405,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

PART B:

VOTED: That the following sums be appropriated for the following purposes.

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Master Plan Study | \$50,000.00 |
| 2. Library-Upgrade of PC's | 5,740.00 |
| 3. School-Feasibility Study | 25,000.00 |

Said funds to be raised by TAXATION.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 9. REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53-1/2, of the General Laws to allow the following:

1. Town of Bellingham School Department to create a special revolving fund from revenues of energy and user fees and to authorize said funds for energy and user related expenses.
2. To allow the Bellingham School Department to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from services by the Alternative High School, and to make payments for leases, supplies, and other related expenses.
3. To allow the Bellingham School Department the right to make payments for equipment, leases, supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Michael J. Reed, Sr. Business Center Wing of the Paul J. Primavera Educational Center from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$100,000) from revenues received from rentals of the Michael J. Reed Business Center to outside business groups and Adult Education Courses using the center as a computer training facility.
4. To allow the Bellingham School Department the right to make payments for supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Bellingham Early Childhood Program from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$100,000) from revenues received from student tuition paid to attend this program.
5. To allow the Bellingham School Department the right to make payments for equipment, supplies, materials, salaries and other expenses from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$100,000) from revenues received from Medicaid reimbursements received from the Division of Medical Assistance.
6. To allow the Bellingham Public Library Trustees to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from overdue books and video fines and to authorize the use for purchasing books, videos, library materials, and to make payment to temporary or part-time employees and independent contractors, not to exceed \$10,000.

7. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund from revenue received from the Arcand Park swim program and to authorize the use for swim program expenses not to exceed \$20,000.
8. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the operation of Silver Lake and associated charges and to authorize the use for the maintenance, salaries and other related charges of the lake.
9. To allow the Parks Department to create a special revolving fund to pay salaries and supplies associated with the "Summer Parks Program", not to exceed \$5,000.
10. To allow the D.P.W. to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the sale of compost bins and to authorize for the purchase of additional bins, not to exceed \$5,000; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Committee, Library Trustees,
Parks Commission, D.P.W.)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town adopt the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53 1/2, of the General Laws to allow the following:

1. Town of Bellingham School Department to create a special revolving fund not to exceed \$15,000.00 from revenues of energy and user fees and to authorize said funds for energy and user related expenses.
2. To allow the Bellingham School Department to create a special revolving fund not to exceed \$100,000.00 from revenues received from services by the Alternative High School printing, and to make payments for leases, salaries, supplies, and other related expenses.
3. To allow the Bellingham School Department the right to make payments for equipment, leases, supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Michael J. Reed, Sr. Business Center Wing of the Paul J. Primavera Educational Center from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$100,000) from revenues received from rentals of the Michael J. Reed Business Center to outside business groups, as not to interfere with the time and learning process of the students, staff and residence with this monitored by the School Committee, and Adult Education Courses using the center as a computer training facility.
4. To allow the Bellingham School Department the right to make payments for supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Bellingham Early Childhood Program from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$100,000) from revenues received from student tuition paid to attend this program.
5. To allow the Bellingham School Department the right to make payments for equipment, supplies, materials, salaries and other expenses from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$100,000) from revenues received from Medicaid reimbursements received from the Division of Medical Assistance.
6. To allow the Bellingham Public Library Trustees to create a special revolving fund not to exceed \$10,000.00 from revenues received from overdue books and video fines and to authorize the use for purchasing books, videos, library materials, and to make payment to temporary or part-time employees and independent contractors.
7. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund not to exceed \$20,000.00 from revenue received from the Arcand Park Swim Program and to authorize the use for swim program expenses.

8. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund not to exceed \$20,000.00 from revenues received from the operation of Silver Lake and associated charges and to authorize the use for maintenance, salaries and other related charges of the lake.

9. To allow the Parks Department to create a special revolving fund not to exceed \$5,000.00 to pay salaries and supplies associated with the "Summer Parks Program".

10. To allow the D.P.W. to create a special revolving fund not to exceed \$5,000.00 from revenues received from the sale of compost bins and to authorize for the purchase of additional bins.

(Recommended By Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 10. ALMACS DEMOLITION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of demolishing the "Old Almacs Building" located at the intersection of Rte. 140 and Rte. 126 and owned by the Town. Additionally, said funds will be used to pulverize the paved parking lot and remove the lights in the parking area, project oversight to be provided by the Town Common Committee; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Common Committee)

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,115.00 by transfer of said sum from Article 3, "Almac's Property Purchase" of the October 1995 Fall Town Meeting, said funds to be used for the demolition of the "Old Almac's Building" located at the intersection of Rte. 140 and Rte. 126 and owned by the Town. Additionally, said funds will be used to pulverize the paved parking lot at this location, project oversight to be provided by the Town Common Committee.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 11. USE OF THE FORMER ALMACS PROPERTY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, or by taxation, for the purpose of financing a study of the proper use of the parcel of land and building located at the intersection of Rte. 126 and Rte. 140 formerly known as Almacs, said study to include but not be limited to, use of the building for Town offices, school rooms or recreation facilities as well as a Town Common and said study shall include the potential benefit to the Town of a sale of the property and to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of no more than seven citizens to undertake this study and report to a subsequent Town Meeting no later than the Annual Town Meeting of 1997; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petition)

VOTED: PASSED OVER.

ARTICLE 12. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS ARTICLE 4-02.

To see if the Town will vote to amend: General By-Laws Article 4-02. Business of Town Meeting, Except Elections, Ballots as follows:

"Article 4-02. All business of the Annual Town Meeting, except the election of such Officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the fourth Wednesday of May at 7:30 p.m.

All business of an obligatory Special Town Meeting shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of October of each year at 7:30 p.m.”;

or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend General By-Laws Article 4-02. Business of Town Meeting, Except Elections, Ballots as follows:

“Article 4-02. All business of the Annual Town Meeting, except the election of such Officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the fourth Wednesday of May at 7:30 p.m.

All business of an obligatory Special Town Meeting shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of October of each year at 7:30 p.m.”.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 13. PACKAGE STORE ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact legislation granting the Board of Selectmen the authority to issue an additional Package Store All Alcohol License to Paul D. Everett, III; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner)

VOTED: That the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the legislature to enact legislation granting the Bellingham Board of Selectmen the authority to issue an additional Package Store All Alcohol License.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 14. SUPERIOR COURT SETTLEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to authorize the Selectmen to settle the case pending before the Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. WOCV93-03086, and to determine how said money should be raised; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen/Town Counsel)

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to settle and resolve the case of Donald Case et ux versus the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham, Worcester County Superior Court, Docket number 93-02603, said sums to be raised by Taxation.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 15. WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bellingham Zoning By-law as follows: Replace the map “Water Resource Districts” dated February 1, 1995, with the map “Water Resource District” dated November 22, 1995, on file with the Town Clerk and the Planning Board; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Planning Board/D.P.W.)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend the Bellingham Zoning By-Laws by replacing the Map "Water Resource Districts" dated February 1, 1995, with the map "Water Resource District" dated November 22, 1995.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Dept. of Public Works)

ARTICLE 16. HEIGHT LIMITATION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

1. Insert a new Section 2610 to read as follows:

"2610. Height Limitations. No building or portion thereof or other structure of any kind shall exceed the heights permitted for buildings under Section 2600 Intensity of Use Schedule, except for the following:

- " (a) chimneys, towers, spires, cupolas, antennae or other projections of or attachments to a building but not potentially used for human habitation, provided that they do not exceed the height of the building by more than ten (10) feet or twenty (20) percent of building height, whichever is the greater, or
- " (b) a structure or projection not used for human habitation and not permitted by the above, provided that it is authorized for that height by special permit from the Board of Appeals, upon determination by the Board that the proposed height is functionally important for the use, and that the structure or projection and its use will not result in threats to health, safety or visual compatibility with the surroundings and, in the case of a antennae for use by a federally licensed amateur radio operator, that any restriction so imposed complies with the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 40A dealing with such antennae."

2. Revise Article V Definitions by revising the definition of "Building Height", deleting the final sentence, which reads: "Not included are spires, cupolas, TV antennae, or other parts of structures which do not enclose potentially habitable floor space"; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Planning Board)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

1. Insert a new Section 2610 to read as follows:

"2610. Height Limitations. No building or portion thereof or other structure of any kind shall exceed the heights permitted for buildings under Section 2600 Intensity of Use Schedule, except for the following:

- " (a) chimneys, towers, spires, cupolas, antennae or other projections of or attachments to a building but not potentially used for human habitation, provided that they do not exceed the height of the building by more than ten (10) feet or twenty (20) percent of building height, whichever is the greater, or
- " (b) a structure or projection not used for human habitation and not permitted by the above, provided that it is authorized for that height by special permit from the Board of Appeals, upon determination by the Board that the proposed height is functionally important for the use, and that the structure or projection and its use will not result in threats to health,

safety or visual compatibility with the surroundings and, in the case of a antennae for use by a federally licensed amateur radio operator, that any restriction so imposed complies with the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 40A dealing with such antennae.”

2. Revise Article V - Definitions by revising the definition of “Building Height” by deleting the final sentence, which reads: “Not included are Spires, Cupolas, TV Antennae, or other parts of structures which do not enclose potentially habitable floor space”.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 17. ACCESSORY APARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bellingham Zoning By-law as follows:

1. Amend Section 2400 Use Regulations Schedule by inserting a new row directly above the row headed “Other customary accessory uses”, to be headed “Accessory Apartment (See Sec. 4130)”, with a “NO” entry under “I” district and with a “BA” entry under all other districts, so that it reads:

	A	S,R	M	B-1	I
				B-2	
“Accessory Apartment (see Sec. 4130)	BA	BA	BA	BA	NO”.

2. Insert a new Section 4130, to read as follows:

“4130. Accessory Apartment. A special permit authorizing an Accessory Apartment may be granted only if consistent with the following.

“4131. Development Requirements.

- “a) The single-family dwelling to which the Accessory Apartment is being added must have been in existence for at least five years at the time of application.
- “b) There shall be no more than a 5% increase in the gross floor area of the existing dwelling, including any increases authorized within the preceding two years.
- “c) The Accessory Apartment shall occupy not more than 40% of the floor area of the dwelling.
- “d) The Board of Health must have documented to the Board of Appeals that satisfactory provision has been made for sewerage disposal.
- “e) Parking as required at Section 3300 shall be provided either in a garage or in designated areas not located within any required yard.
- “f) No separate exterior entrance shall be created for the accessory unit.

“4132. Occupancy Requirements

- “a) Either the principal or the accessory unit must be owner-occupied, except for temporary absences.

“4133. Procedural Requirements

- “a) To approve a special permit for an Accessory Apartment, the Board of Appeals must make a determination that all of the above requirements have been met, and also that the particular circumstances of the case make such use appropriate, including consideration of:
- i) whether lot area or other site characteristics assure mitigation of any impacts on the neighborhood;
 - ii) whether there is enforceable assurance that occupancy of the unit will serve significant community purposes, such as facilitating care for the elderly or handicapped, or providing housing at unusually low cost, and
 - iii) whether site and building design will effectively avoid any departure from the character of the neighborhood.
- “b) A Certificate of Occupancy for an Accessory Apartment shall be issued for a period no greater than three years. Continued occupancy beyond that shall require a new Certificate of Occupancy, to be granted only upon documentation to the Building Inspector that either the principal or the accessory unit is owner-occupied.
- “c) Upon termination of occupancy satisfying Section 4132, or a condition of the special permit, separate occupancy of the Accessory Apartment shall not be reestablished unless a new special permit is granted, on grounds that the requirements of Section 4132 and of the original special permit will be satisfied, or that special circumstances of the structure or its occupants would make single-family occupancy a hardship and that the granting of such Special Permit would not be detrimental to the neighborhood.”

3. Amend Article V Definitions by replacing the definitions of “Dwelling, Single-Family” and “Dwelling, Two-Family” with the following:

“Dwelling, Single-Family - a detached residential building containing a single dwelling unit, or a single dwelling unit plus an Accessory Apartment as authorized at Section 4130”.

“Dwelling, Two-Family - a detached residential building containing two dwelling units, neither of which is an ‘Accessory Apartment’ as authorized at Section 4130”; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Planning Board)

VOTE : By hand count. YES - 13, NO - 52 TOTAL 65
MOTION FAILED.

ARTICLE 18. STREET ACCEPTANCE - CENTERVILLE LANE

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way a road, the easements appurtenant thereto, and deeds thereto, identified as Centerville Lane on a plan by Salvetti Surveying & Engineering Assoc., dated January 31, 1994, entitled “Centerville Estates Definitive Subdivision, Bellingham, Mass.” Scale 40’ to an inch to be recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, and as more particularly described in one deed on file at the Office of the Town of Bellingham Town Clerk and to authorize the Selectmen to accept the deed thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioners)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town accept as a public way, the road, easements appurtenant thereto, and the deed thereto, identified as Centerville Lane on a plan entitled "Centerville Estates As Built Plan and Profile of Centerville Lane in Bellingham, MA," dated December 12, 1995, prepared by Salvetti, Surveying & Engineering Assoc. which is to be recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, and as more particularly described in a deed on file at the office of the Town of Bellingham Town Clerk and to authorize the Selectmen to accept a deed thereto.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)
(Recommended by Dept. of Public Works)

ARTICLE 19. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - HIGH STREET

To see if the Town will vote to rezone from agricultural and industrial to all agricultural all of the parcel of land shown on the Bellingham Assessors Map 40, Parcel 18 consisting of thirty-five (35) acres, more or less, recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 722, Page 163; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Landowner)

VOTED: Unanimously voted to amend the Bellingham Zoning By-Laws by revising the Zoning Map, a parcel of land containing thirty-five (35) acres, more or less, located off High Street, rezoning from Industrial District to Agricultural District, land shown on Assessors Map 40 Parcel 18, said parcel more particularly described as per plan attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)
(Recommended by Dept. of Public Works)

ARTICLE 20. PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS/TAKINGS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain for the purposes of constructing, maintaining and repairing a Town well and pumping station and appurtenances, fee simple title and temporary construction easements or other such interests in land along an access road which begins on Cliff Road and runs easterly to the proposed well site located on the westerly side of the Charles River all as shown on plans prepared for the Town by Dufresne-Henry Engineers of Westford, Mass and amendments and additions thereto, to vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide for payment of the aforesaid eminent domain takings, or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$42,000.00, said funds to be added to \$180,000.00 previously appropriated under Article 9 of the May, 1994 Annual Town Meeting, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, to take by eminent domain, or otherwise, for well site and access road for the town water supply system, certain parcel or parcels of land located off Cliff Road, and being Lot 172 and 169 as shown on said plan, belonging to now or formerly to Bellingham Associates, Lots 167 and 159 as shown on said plans being owned now or formerly by Richard C. Hill et al and Lots 160 and 162 as shown on said plan being owned now or formerly by Varney Bros. Sand and Gravel, Inc., and as being described as per Taking Plan of Land for Well Site # 12 in Bellingham, Mass., dated May 21, 1996, by Salvetti Surveying and Engineering Assoc., 10 Emmons Street, Franklin, Mass., attached herewith to the motion and to be incorporated by reference, that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$42,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, of the General Laws,

or any other enabling authority and to issue general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Dept. of Public Works)

ARTICLE 21. ELDERLY ABATEMENT PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of implementing an Elderly Abatement Program for Fiscal 1997; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of implementing an Elderly Abatement Program for Fiscal 1997; said sum to be raised by Taxation.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 22. UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum for money for the payment of certain unpaid bills; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town pay the following unpaid bills:

Sutfol Auto Sales, Inc.	by: Transfer from ATM of 5/24/95 Article 1, Item 210 (Police Dept. Expenses)	\$ 600.00
Cartier's Funeral Home	by: Transfer from ATM 5/24/95 Article 1, Item 543 (Veterans' Services Expenses)	1,500.00
Health Resources	by: Transfer from ATM 5/24/95 Article 1, Item 920 (Physical/Occupational Health Exp.)	113.50
Scottsdale Insurance Co.	by: Transfer from ATM 5/24/95 Article 1, Item 196 (Expenses)	5,000.00
Jane Lenarsky	by: Transfer from ATM 5/24/95 Article 1, Item 300 (School Dept. Expenses)	400.00

All monies to be transferred to the Unpaid Bills Account.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 23. STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the Town transfer \$42,212.41 from Article 3 Almac's Property Purchase of the October 4, 1995 Fall Town Meeting to the Stabilization Fund.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 24. COMPUTER REFINANCING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase of the computer equipment for the Michael J. Reed Center that is currently under a lease agreement with Baybank Leasing; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the sum of \$227,019.05 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the purchase of computer equipment for the Michael J. Reed Center that is currently under a lease agreement with Baybank Leasing, and that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$227,019.05 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Further, the annual debt and interest payments are to be made by the School Department from their annual budget or from receipts collected from revenue generated through the operation of the Michael J. Reed, Sr. Business Center Wing which is placed in a "Special Revolving Fund".

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ATTENDANCE:

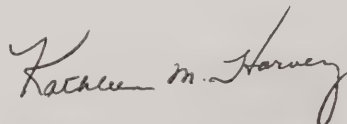
P - 1	P - 2	P - 3	P - 4	P - 5	TOTAL
First Session of May 22, 1996:					
89	82	88	58	51	368
Second Session of May 29, 1996:					
18	13	24	16	5	76

No Quorum Required.

Warrant dissolved at 9:02 PM on May 29, 1996.

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at Stall Brook School in Precinct #1, at Clara Macy School in Precinct #2, at the Bellingham Library in Precinct #3 and at Assumption Parish Hall in Precincts #4 and #5 in said Bellingham on:

TUESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1996
from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for candidates of political parties for the following offices:

U. S. Senator.....For the Commonwealth
Representative in Congress.....2nd Congressional District
Councillor.....7th Councillor District
Senator in General Court.....Worcester & Norfolk Districts
Representative in General Court.....10th Norfolk Representative District
Register of Probate.....Norfolk County
County Commissioner.....Norfolk County
County Commissioner.....Norfolk County

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this third day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Bellingham, MA

John E. Tuttle, Jr., Chairman
James A. McElroy, Vice Chairman
Guy A. Fleurette
Jerald A. Mayhew
Ann L. Odabashian

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Norfolk, ss:

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same in at least one public place in each Precinct of the Town.

Dated: September 4, 1996

Paul Chupa
Constable of Bellingham

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 17, 1996**

DEMOCRATIC PARTY	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Totals

SENATOR IN CONGRESS						
(3) John F. Kerry	36	35	40	27	48	186
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	2	9	10	11	22	54
TOTAL	38	44	50	38	70	240

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - Second District						
(6) Richard E. Neal	31	32	30	31	43	167
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	7	12	20	7	27	73
TOTAL	38	44	50	38	70	240

COUNCILLOR - Seventh District						
(12) Jordan Levy	32	29	36	26	44	167
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	6	15	14	12	26	73
TOTAL	38	44	50	38	70	240

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT						
Worcester & Norfolk District						
(16) Richard T. Moore	34	39	43	34	54	204
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	4	5	7	4	16	36
TOTAL	38	44	50	38	70	240

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT						
Tenth Worcester District - Precinct #1						
(21) Marie J. Parente	37					37
All Others	0					0
BLANKS	1					1
TOTAL	38					38

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT						
Tenth Norfolk District (Pct. #2 thru #5)						
(21) James E. Vallee		35	43	33	48	159
All Others		0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS		9	7	5	22	43
TOTAL		44	50	38	70	202

REGISTER OF PROBATE - Norfolk County						
(27) Thomas Patrick Hughes	33	32	39	29	46	179
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	5	12	11	9	24	61
TOTAL	38	44	50	38	70	240

COUNTY TREASURER - Norfolk County						
(32) Timothy P. Cahill	7	6	8	5	14	40
(33) Gary D. Jones	6	4	2	2	7	21
(34) Michael J. Joyce	7	6	9	3	6	31
(35) John D. Vozzella	16	23	28	26	36	129
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	2	5	3	2	7	19
TOTAL	38	44	50	38	70	240

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Norfolk County						
(40) John Gillis	23	24	24	12	33	116
(41) William P. O'Donnell	28	32	42	34	44	180
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	25	32	34	30	63	184
TOTAL	76	88	100	76	140	480

REPUBLICAN PARTY P-1 P-2 P-3 P-4 P-5 Totals

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

(3) William F. Weld	13	12	24	20	22	91
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	1	2	4	1	2	10
TOTAL	14	14	28	21	24	101

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - Second District

(6) Mark Steele	11	11	18	17	19	76
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	3	3	10	4	5	25
TOTAL	14	14	28	21	24	101

COUNCILLOR - Seventh District

John M. Wozniak					1	1
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	14	14	28	21	23	100
TOTAL	14	14	28	21	24	101

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**Worcester & Norfolk District**

No candidate						0
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	14	14	28	21	24	101
TOTAL	14	14	28	21	24	101

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**Tenth Worcester District - Precinct #1**

No Candidate						0
All Others	0					0
BLANKS	14					14
TOTAL	14					14

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT**Tenth Norfolk District (Pct.#2 thru #5)**

No Candidate						0
All Others		0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS		14	28	21	24	87
TOTAL		14	28	21	24	87

REGISTER OF PROBATE - Norfolk County

R. Janice Connolly	3	2	2	2	1	10
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	11	12	26	19	23	91
TOTAL	14	14	28	21	24	101

COUNTY TREASURER - Norfolk County

(25) Robert D. Hall, Jr.	12	12	19	18	16	77
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	2	2	9	3	8	24
TOTAL	14	14	28	21	24	101

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Norfolk County

Paul D. McDonough	3	2	2	2	1	10
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLANKS	25	26	54	40	47	192
TOTAL	28	28	56	42	48	202

LIBERTARIAN PARTY	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Totals

SENATOR IN CONGRESS						
George Phillies	1	1				2
BLANKS	0	0				0
TOTAL	1	1	0	0	0	2

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - Second District						
No Candidate						0
BLANKS	1	1				2
TOTAL	1	1	0	0	0	2

COUNCILLOR - Seventh District						
No Candidate						0
BLANKS	1	1				2
TOTAL	1	1	0	0	0	2

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT						
Worcester & Norfolk District						
No Candidate						0
BLANKS	1	1				2
TOTAL	1	1	0	0	0	2

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT						
Tenth Worcester District - Precinct #1						
No Candidate						0
BLANKS	1					1
TOTAL	1					1

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT						
Tenth Norfolk District (Pct.#2 thru #5)						
No Candidate						0
BLANKS		1				1
TOTAL		1	0	0	0	1

REGISTER OF PROBATE - Norfolk County						
Toni Picariello	1					1
All Others	0	0				0
BLANKS	0	1				1
TOTAL	1	1	0	0	0	2

COUNTY TREASURER - Norfolk County						
No Candidate						0
BLANKS	1	1				2
TOTAL	1	1	0	0	0	2

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Norfolk County						
No Candidate						0
BLANKS	2	2				4
TOTAL	2	2	0	0	0	4

STATISTICAL DATA	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTAL
Registered voters by Precinct	1,531	1,644	1,605	1,668	1,686	8,134
Democratic Votes Cast	38	44	50	38	70	240
Republican Votes Cast	14	14	28	21	24	101
Libertarian Votes Cast	1	1	0	0	0	2
Total Votes Cast per Precinct	53	59	78	59	94	343
% of Voters per Precinct	3.5%	3.6%	4.9%	3.5%	5.6%	4.2%

A true record.

Kathleen M. Harvey
 Kathleen M. Harvey
 Bellingham Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 1996
at 7:30 PM**

ARTICLE 1. AMEND ARTICLE 1.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Article 1 of the May 1996 Annual Town Meeting by transferring funds as follows:

FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>
122	Board of Selectmen - Salary Account	\$ 1,351.00
123	Town Administrator - Salary Account	3,145.00
135	Chief Financial Officer - Salary Account	6,528.00
	Chief Financial Officer - Expense Account	1,500.00
137	Town Assessors - Salary Account	2,792.00
138	Town Treasurer - Salary Account	5,148.00
139	Town Collector - Salary Account	2,974.00
161	Town Clerk - Salary Account	845.00
171	Conservation/Salary Account	1,300.00
195	Medicare/Employer Share	10,000.00
197	Physical/Occupational Health	5,000.00
210	Police Department-Salary Account	47,252.00
	Police Department - Expense Account	10,000.00
220	Fire Department - Salary Account	49,412.00
	Fire Department - Expense Account	2,360.00
251	Town Inspector - Salary Account	1,473.00
253	Plumbing/Gas Inspector - Salary Account	476.00
292	Animal Control - Salary Account	835.00
300	School Department - Expenses	40,000.00
421	DPW/Highway Administration - Salary Account	2,910.00
	DPW/Highway Administration - Expense Account	6,000.00
422	DPW/Highway Construction - Salary Account	22,780.00
	DPW/Highway Construction - Expense Account	500.00

433	Solid Waste	10,000.00
441	Woonsocket Waste Water (WWWTP)	24,000.00
450	DPW/Water Department - Salary Account	45,570.00
	DPW/Water Department - Expense Account	450.00
510	Board of Health - Salary Department	12,262.00
541	Council on Aging - Salary Account	2,145.00
610	Library - Salary Account	20,385.00
	Library - Expense Account	5,000.00

FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

<u>ITEM #</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE TRANSFERRED</u>
194	Retirement Assessment	11,500.00
Fund 415	F.A.S.T.C.O.P. Grant	25,000.00
543	Veterans' Services - Expense Account	10,000.00
715	Debt/Interest of Bonds	30,000.00
990	Workers Compensation	50,000.00
992	Group Insurance Account	80,000.00

and \$137,893.00 to be raised from Taxation for a total of \$344,393.00.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 2. COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing, to authorize the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase of the computer equipment for the Town of Bellingham that is currently under a lease agreement with Digital Financial Services; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000.00 for the purpose of refinancing the lease/purchase of computer equipment for the Town that is currently under a lease/purchase agreement with Digital Financial Services; and that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow up to \$500,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (9) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority and to issue general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 3. CAPITAL OUTLAY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously.

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$739,500.00 for the purpose of funding the following items:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ITEM REQUESTED</u>	<u>COST</u>
Board of Selectmen	Town Hall Renovations	\$ 50,000.00
Police Department	3 - Marked Cruisers	72,000.00
Police Department	8 - Personal Radios for Auxiliary Police 3 - Personal Radios for Police Department	7,500.00
Police Department	3 - 40 caliber Berettas	1,950.00
Police Department	Mobile Networking	80,000.00
DPW-Water/Sewer	Cross Connections for BHS	15,000.00
Town Assessors	Property Revaluation	30,000.00
Treasurer/Collector	Postage Metering Machine	10,000.00
Data Processing	MIS/GIS Mapping	100,000.00
DPW - Highway	Skid Loader/Sidewalk Sweeper	50,000.00
DPW - Highway	2 - Heavy Duty Dump Trucks	140,000.00
School Department	Renovations/Repairs to BHS - Phase 1	80,000.00
School Department	Computers/Network Implementation	30,000.00
School Department	BHS Track	50,000.00
Conservation Comm.	Land Acquisition Trust Fund	10,000.00
DPW-Parks Department	High Street/Richardson Field Upgrade	13,050.00

\$639,500.00 of said sum to be funded from Free Cash and \$100,000.00 to be transferred from the Overlay Surplus.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 4. STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the town transfer \$550,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund, said transfer to be from Free Cash.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 5. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS ARTICLE 4.01, SECTION 4.01.010.

To see if the Town will vote to amend General By-Laws Article 4.01, Section 4.01.010. "When annual town meeting election to be held", as follows:

"The annual town meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first Tuesday of May each year."; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Clerk)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend General By-Law Article 4.01, Section 4.01.010. "When annual town meeting election to be held", as follows:

"The annual town meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first Tuesday of May each year."

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 6. CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 6.09 BY-LAW CHANGE

To see if the Town will vote to amend General By-Law Article 6.09. Access to books, records, accounts, etc.; town officers, etc., to furnish information.

In the discharge of its duty, the Finance Committee or any of its members shall have the free access to all books of records and accounts, bills and vouchers on which money has been received or paid to and from the Town treasury, and any other public records as defined in M.G.L. c. 4 Sec. 7(26). Officers, boards and committees of the Town shall, upon request, verbal or written, furnish the committee with facts, figures, public records and any other information within ten days of the request; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the Town amend General By-Law Article 6.09. Access to books, records, accounts, etc.; town officers, etc., to furnish information By-Law to read as follows:

In the discharge of its duty, the Finance Committee shall have the free access to all books of records and accounts, bills and vouchers, excluding those determined to be executive session records, on which money has been received or paid to and from the Town treasury, and any other public records as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 4, Section 7(26). Officers, boards and committees of the Town shall, upon written request, furnish the committee with facts, figures, public records and any other information within ten days of the request.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 7. CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 4.03 BY-LAW CHANGE

To see if the Town will vote to amend General By-Law 4.03. Giving notice of town meeting; posting: time requirement.

Notice of every town meeting shall be given in accordance with Section 2-7-3 of the Charter and by posting attested copies of the warrant therefor in at least one public place in each precinct not less than forty-five (45) days before the day fixed for the Annual Town Meeting, and thirty (30) days before the day fixed for the Fall Town Meeting; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the Town amend General By-Law 4.03. Giving notice of town meeting; posting: time requirement, to read as follows:

"Notice of every town meeting shall be given in accordance with Section 2-7-3 of the Charter and by posting attested copies of the warrant therefor in at least one public place in each precinct not less than forty-five (45) days before the day fixed for the Annual Town Meeting, and thirty (30) days before the day fixed for the Fall Town Meeting and any Special Town Meetings. In the event of an emergency, said notice requirements may be waived by majority vote of the Board of Selectmen but never so that notice is less than 14 days before the date set for any meeting."

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 8. UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the payment of certain unpaid bills; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the Town pay the following unpaid bills by transferring money to the Unpaid Bills Account as listed:

Dr. Clifford McLaughlin <i>Funding:</i>	OTJ Injury for Deductible Transfer from ATM of 5/22/96 Article 1, Item 190 OTJ Injury for Deductible (Expenses)	\$ 36.30
Health Resources <i>Funding:</i>	Physical/Occupational Health Transfer from ATM of 5/22/96 Article 1, Item 197 Physical/Occupational Health	\$ 286.00
Earl Vater <i>Funding:</i>	Town Inspector Transfer from ATM of 5/22/96 Article 1, Item 251 Town Inspector (Expenses)	\$ 11.24
Muriel Locklin <i>Funding:</i>	Historical Commission Transfer from ATM of 5/22/96 Article 1, Item 650 Historical Commission (Expenses)	\$ 19.95
Woonsocket Waste Water Treatment Plant <i>Funding:</i>	Transfer from ATM of 5/22/96 Article 1, Item 441 WWTP (Expenses)	\$7,452.00

VOTE: YES - 120; NO - 1; TOTAL 121
9/10 of 121 being 108, MOTION CARRIED.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 9. PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS/TAKINGS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 20 of the May, 1996 Town Meeting entitled "Permanent and Temporary Easements/Takings" which authorized the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain for the purposes of constructing, maintaining, and repairing a Town well and pumping station and appurtenances, fee simple title and temporary construction easements or other such interests in land along an access road which begins on Cliff Road and runs easterly to the proposed well site located on the westerly side of the Charles River all as shown on plans prepared for the Town by Dufresne-Henry Engineers of Westford, MA and amendments and additions thereto, to vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore to provide for payment of the aforesaid eminent domain takings; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Article 20 of the May 1996 Town Meeting entitled "Permanent and Temporary Easements/Takings" which authorized the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain for the purposes of constructing, maintaining and repairing a town well and pumping station and appurtenances, fee simple title and temporary construction easements or other such interest in land along an access road which begins on Cliff Road and runs easterly to the proposed well site located on the westerly side of the Charles River; which reads:

"And being lots 172 and 169 as shown on said plan, belonging to now or formerly to Bellingham Associates, lots 167 and 159 as shown on said plans being owned now or formerly by Richard C. Hill; et al, and lots 160 and 162 as shown on said plan, being owned now or formerly by Varney Bros. Sand and Gravel, Inc., and being described as per taking plan of land for well site #12 in Bellingham, Mass., dated May 21, 1996, by Salvetti Surveying and Engineering Assoc., 10 Emmons Street, Franklin, Mass., attached herewith to the motion and to be incorporated by reference"

BE AMENDED TO READ:

"And being lots A and 169 as shown on the aforementioned plan, belonging now or formerly to Bellingham Associates, lots 167 and 159 as shown on said aforementioned plan being owned now or formerly by Richard C. Hill; et al, and lots 160 and 162 as shown on said aforementioned plan being owned now or formerly by Varney Bros. Sand and Gravel, Inc. and as being described as per "Taking Plan of Land in Bellingham, Mass., dated September 10, 1996, Salvetti Surveying and Engineering Assoc., 10 Emmons Street, Franklin, Mass.", attached herewith to the motion and to be incorporated by reference."

All other action of the aforementioned Article 20 are herewith affirmed and approved.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

(Recommended by Conservation Commission)

ARTICLE 10. TOWN COMMON CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds by acceptance of State or Federal grants, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of constructing a Town Common to include landscaping, and the construction of a gazebo, play area and other various amenities as detailed on plans designed by the landscape architect firm of Moriece and Gary at the site of the "Old Almacs Building: located at the intersection of Rte. 140 and Rte. 126 and owned by the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Common Committee)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$550,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a Town Common to include all necessary landscaping, construction of a gazebo, play area and other amenities as detailed on plans designed by the landscape architectural firm of Moriece and Gary; said Common to be built at the site of the "Old Almacs" building located at the intersection of Rte. 140 and Rte. 126 and owned by the Town, \$400,000.00 of said sum to be appropriated from Free Cash and \$150,000.00 to be raised from Taxation.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 11. PLANNING BOARD SPECIAL ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 44, Section 53G of the General Laws, which allows the Town Treasurer to establish a special account, funded by developers, out of which the Planning Board will pay consultants to perform work related to review of plans and inspection of the construction work on the development being constructed under the Planning Board's jurisdiction; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Department of Public Works/Planning Board)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 12. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bellingham Zoning By-law by amending the zoning map as follows:

Extend the existing Residential District (R) on the easterly side of North Street by rezoning from the Agricultural District (A) to Residential District (R). An area bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point on the existing zone line separating the Residential and Agricultural Districts, said point being 300 feet southeasterly of Blackstone Street and on said easterly side of North Street;

THENCE Northerly a distance of 210 feet more or less along the existing zone line to a point on a stone wall at land of Gerald E. Cournoyer;

THENCE N 73° 37' 30" a distance of 7.82 feet to a point on said stone wall:

THENCE N 75° 36' 29" E a distance of 92.58 feet along said stone wall to a point at the end of said stone wall;

THENCE N 75° 36' 29" a distance of 88.60 feet to a point. The previous three (3) courses bounding along land of said Cournoyer;

THENCE S 25° 47' 10" E a distance of 570.97 feet partially by a stone wall to a drill hole at land of Anthony M. Jr. and Kathleen Ozella;

THENCE S 27° 20' 47" E a distance of 290.88 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE S 27° 11' 21" E a distance of 227.89 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE S 26° 52' 26" E a distance of 512.53 feet to a drill hole. The previous three (3) courses bound along land of said Ozella and said stone wall;

THENCE S 26° 59' 08" E a distance of 153.16 feet along said stone wall to a drill hole at the end of said stone wall;

THENCE S 28° 19' 34" E distance of 156.50 to a stone bound property of Dennis and Jean Roy.

THENCE S 46° 56' 00" W a distance of 396.76 feet along land of said Roy to a stone bound on said easterly side of North Street;

THENCE N 30° 09' 55" W a distance of 257.43 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 31° 22' 02" W a distance of 156.89 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 31° 15' 34" W a distance of 190.06 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 19° 09' 13" W a distance of 247.03 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 17° 08' 23" W a distance of 196.85 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 22° 48' 32" W a distance of 112.45 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 30° 41' 19" W a distance of 65.71 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 28° 28' 14" W a distance of 262.80 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 32° 21' 17" W a distance of 77.72 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 30° 03' 54" W a distance of 163.65 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 25° 50' 26" W a distance of 26.63 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 27° 29' 47" W a distance of 84.44 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 22° 41' 03" W a distance of 135.95 feet to point of beginning. The previous thirteen (13) course bounding partially by a stone wall and along said easterly sideline on North Street.

The above described parcel of land contains an area of 17.0 acres, more or less, to be rezoned; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner)

VOTED: By hand count.

Yes 36; No 54; Total 90
2/3 of 90 being 60, **MOTION FAILED.**

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)

ATTENDANCE:

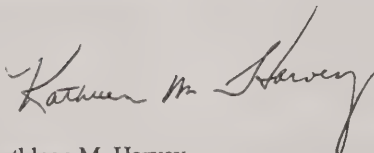
P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTAL
28	29	34	26	18	135

No quorum required.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:30 PM

A true record.

ATTEST:


Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5, 1996**

	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTALS	%

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT							
(3) Browne & Jorgensen	10	7	13	6	5	41	1%
(4) Clinton & Gore	705	812	769	727	797	3,810	58%
(5) Dole & Kemp	351	332	301	362	304	1,650	25%
(6) Hagelin & Tompkins	1	2	0	3	4	10	0%
(7) Moorehead & Lariva	0	1	3	1	2	7	0%
(8) Perot & Choate	151	168	163	167	173	822	12%
Ralph Nader	1	0	0	1	0	2	0%
Blanks	47	34	53	75	56	265	4%
TOTAL	1,266	1,356	1,302	1,342	1,341	6,607	

SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
(11) John F. Kerry	555	609	599	537	629	2,929	44%
(12) William F. Weld	599	650	604	701	603	3,157	48%
(13) Susan C. Gallagher	59	50	43	32	53	237	4%
(14) Robert C. Stowe	6	1	5	4	4	20	0%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	47	46	51	68	52	264	4%
TOTAL	1,266	1,356	1,302	1,342	1,341	6,607	

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS - Second District							
(21) Richard E. Neal	678	773	704	702	775	3,632	55%
(22) Mark Steele	309	323	311	341	249	1,533	23%
(23) Scott Andrichak	83	80	86	86	99	434	7%
(24) Richard Kaynor	29	20	28	26	39	142	2%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	167	160	173	187	179	866	13%
TOTAL	1,266	1,356	1,302	1,342	1,341	6,607	

COUNCILLOR - Seventh District							
(29) Jordan Levy	847	946	875	934	945	4,547	69%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	419	410	427	408	396	2,060	31%
TOTAL	1,266	1,356	1,302	1,342	1,341	6,607	

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT - Worcester & Norfolk District							
(33) Richard T. Moore	924	1,034	981	1,019	1,037	4,995	76%
William E. Kingkade, Jr.	1	0	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	341	322	321	323	304	1,611	24%
TOTAL	1,266	1,356	1,302	1,342	1,341	6,607	

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							
TENTH WORCESTER DISTRICT - PRECINCT #1							
(40) Marie J. Parente	963					963	76%
All Others	0					0	0%
BLANKS	303					303	24%
TOTAL	1,266					1,266	

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							
TENTH NORFOLK DISTRICT - PRECINCT # 2, 3, 4 and 5							
(40) James E. Vallee	1,042	979	1,035	1,025		4,081	76%
All Others	0	0	0	0		0	0%
BLANKS	314	323	307	316		1,260	24%
TOTAL	1,356	1,302	1,342	1,341		5,341	

REGISTER OF PROBATE - Norfolk County							
(45) Thomas Patrick Hughe	851	938	867	934	915	4,505	68%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	415	418	435	408	426	2,102	32%
TOTAL	1,266	1,356	1,302	1,342	1,341	6,607	

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
STATE ELECTION

	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Totals	% CAST
COUNTY TREASURER - Norfolk County							
(50) Robert D. Hall, Jr.	536	546	509	541	477	2,609	39%
(51) Timothy P. Cahill	526	607	592	597	656	2,978	45%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	204	203	201	204	208	1,020	15%
TOTAL	1,266	1,356	1,302	1,342	1,341	6,607	

COUNTY COMMISSIONER - Norfolk County							
(55) John Gillis	634	721	645	717	695	3,412	52%
(56) William P. O'Donnell	715	788	792	804	775	3,874	59%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	1,183	1,203	1,167	1,163	1,212	5,928	90%
TOTAL	2,532	2,712	2,604	2,684	2,682	13,214	

QUESTION #1

Changing the Trapping and Hunting Laws

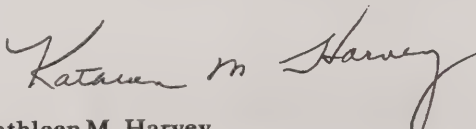
(84) YES	728	737	732	704	738	3,639	
(85) NO	448	515	504	522	452	2,441	
Blanks	90	104	66	116	151	527	
TOTAL	1,266	1,356	1,302	1,342	1,341	6,607	

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTAL
Registered Voters by Precinct	1,622	1,729	1,706	1,742	1,759	8,558
Total Votes Cast by Precinct	1,266	1,356	1,302	1,342	1,341	6,607
% of Voters per Precinct	78%	78%	76%	77%	76%	77%

A true record.

ATTEST:


Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

TOWN HALL
P.O. BOX 367
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

TOWN CLERK
KATHLEEN M. HARVEY

August 12, 1996

TELEPHONE
(508) 966-5827

PUBLICATION OF TOWN BY-LAWS

The attached amendments to the Zoning By-Laws adopted under Article 15, 16 and 19 and the maps that pertain to Article 15 and 19, also the amendments to the General By-Laws adopted under Article 12 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of May 22, 1996 with the approval of the Attorney General on August 8, 1996 are hereby PUBLISHED.

Any claim to invalidity by reason of defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment may only be made within ninety days of this posting, in writing, to the Town Clerk's Office.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- Precinct # 1 North Civic/Senior Center & Cumberland Farms Store
- Precinct # 2 Larry's Package Store & the Corner Store
- Precinct # 3 Town Hall & Town Hall Annex
- Precinct # 4 Charlie's Tire & The South Elementary School
- Precinct # 5 South Fire Station & Clem's Coffee Shop

I hereby certify that I have posted attested copies of the above notice at the places indicated.

Date

Posted

AUG 13 1996

Paul Chapa
Constable of Bellingham



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place,
Boston, MA 02108-1698

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

(617) 727-2200

August 8, 1996

Kathleen Harvey
Town Clerk
2 Mechanic St.
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

Dear Ms. Harvey:

I return the amendments to the zoning by-laws adopted under articles 15, 16, and 19 of the warrant for the Bellingham annual town meeting that convened on May 22, 1996, and the maps that pertain to articles 15 and 19, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan A. Abbott".

Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General
Chief, Municipal Law Unit
(617) 727-2200 x 2096

Enc.

cc: Lee G. Ambler, Esq., 6 Mendon St., Bellingham, MA 02019

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KATHLEEN M. HARVEY

TELEPHONE
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June 4, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 22, 1996
ARTICLE 15. WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

I hereby certify the following is a true copy of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham under Article 15 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of May 22, 1996:

ARTICLE 15. WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend the Bellingham Zoning By-Laws by replacing the Map "Water Resource Districts" dated February 1, 1995, with the map "Water Resource District" dated November 22, 1995.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Dept. of Public Works)

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 22, 1996
ARTICLE 16. HEIGHT LIMITATIONS

I hereby certify the following is a true copy of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham under Article 16 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of May 22, 1996:

ARTICLE 16. HEIGHT LIMITATIONS

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws as follows:

1. Insert a new Section 2610 to read as follows:

"2610. Height Limitations. No building or portion thereof or other structure of any kind shall exceed the heights permitted for buildings under Section 2600 Intensity of Use Schedule, except for the following:

- "(a) chimneys, towers, spires, cupolas, antennae or other projections of or attachments to a building but not potentially used for human habitation, provided that they do not exceed the height of the building by more than ten (10) feet or twenty (20) percent of building height, whichever is the greater, or
- "(b) a structure or projection not used for human habitation and not permitted by the above, provided that it is authorized for that height by special permit from the Board of Appeals, upon determination by the Board that the proposed height is functionally important for the use, and that the structure or projection and its use will not result in threats to health, safety or visual compatibility with the surroundings and, in the case of a antennae for use by a federally licensed amateur radio operator, that any restriction so imposed complies with the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 40A dealing with such antennae."

2. Revise Article V - Definitions by revising the definition of "Building Height" by deleting the final sentence, which reads: "Not included are Spires, Cupolas, TV Antennae, or other parts of structures which do not enclose potentially habitable floor space".

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)



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June 4, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 22, 1996
ARTICLE 19. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - HIGH ST.

I hereby certify the following is a true copy of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham under Article 19 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of May 22, 1996:

ARTICLE 19. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - HIGH STREET

VOTED: Unanimously voted to amend the Bellingham Zoning By-Laws by revising the Zoning Map, a parcel of land containing thirty-five (35) acres, more or less, located off High Street, rezoning from Industrial District to Agricultural District, land shown on Assessors Map 40 Parcel 18, said parcel more particularly described as per plan attached hereto and made a part hereof.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)
(Recommended by Dept. of Public Works)

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

ZONING MAP

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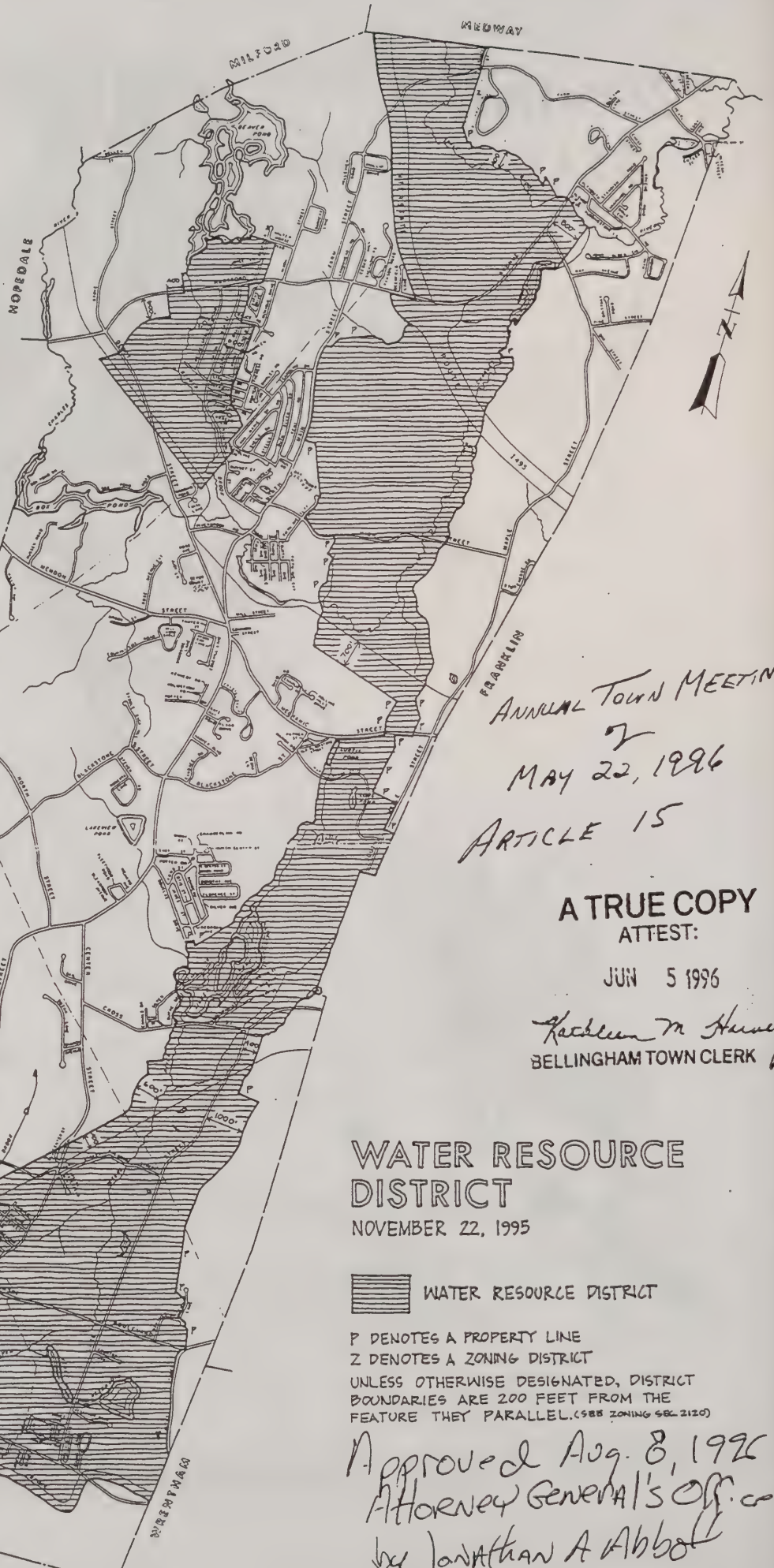
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
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Kathleen M. Harvey
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DISTRICT
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 WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT

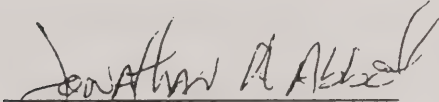
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Approved Aug. 8, 1996
Attorney General's Office
by Jonathan A. Abbott

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the zoning by-laws adopted under articles 15, 16, and 19 of the warrant for the Bellingham town meeting that convened on May 22, 1996, and the maps that pertain to articles 15 and 19, are approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL


by: Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General

August 8, 1996



SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

(617) 727-2200

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place,
Boston, MA 02108-1698

August 8, 1996

Kathleen Harvey
Town Clerk
2 Mechanic St.
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

Dear Ms. Harvey:

I return the amendments to the general by-laws adopted under article 12 of the warrant for the Bellingham annual town meeting that convened on May 22, 1996, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

Sincerely,

Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General
Chief, Municipal Law Unit
(617) 727-2200 x 2096

Enc.

cc: Lee G. Ambler, Esq., 6 Mendon St., Bellingham, MA 02019

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June 4, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 22, 1996
ARTICLE 12. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS

I hereby certify the following is a true copy of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham under Article 12 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of May 22, 1996:

ARTICLE 12. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend General By-Laws Article 4-02. Business of Town Meeting, Except Elections, Ballots as follows:

"Article 4-02. All business of the Annual Town Meeting, except the election of such Officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the fourth Wednesday of May at 7:30 p.m.

All business of an obligatory Special Town Meeting shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of October of each year at 7:30 p.m."

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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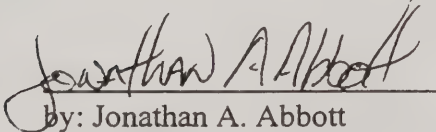
ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the general by-laws adopted under article 12 of the warrant for the Bellingham town meeting that convened on May 22, 1996, are approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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by: Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General

August 8, 1996



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PUBLICATION OF TOWN BY-LAWS

The attached amendments to the General By-Laws adopted under Articles 5, 6 and 7 of the warrant for the Fall Annual Town Meeting of October 9, 1996 with the approval of the Attorney General on January 3, 1997 and January 10, 1997 are hereby

PUBLISHED.

Any claim to invalidity by reason of defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment may only be made within ninety days of this posting, in writing, to the Town Clerk's Office.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- Precinct # 1 North Civic/Senior Center & Cumberland Farms Store
- Precinct # 2 Larry's Package Store & The Corner Store
- Precinct # 3 Town Hall & Town Hall Annex
- Precinct # 4 Charlie's Tire & The South Elementary School
- Precinct # 5 South Fire Station & Clem's Coffee Shop

I hereby certify that I have posted attested copies of the above notice at the places indicated.

JAN 14 1997

Date Posted _____

Constable of Bellingham



SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

(617) 727-2200

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place,
Boston, MA 02108-1698

January 3, 1997

Kathleen M. Harvey
Town Clerk
P.O. Box 367
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

I return the amendments to the general by-laws adopted under articles 5 and 6 of the warrant for the Bellingham fall annual town meeting that first convened on October 9, 1996, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

As to article 7 from the same warrant, please send us a copy of section 2-7-3 of the charter, as referenced in the article. I assume the Town understands that the posting requirements in article 7 greatly exceed the requirements of G.L. c. 39, § 10, and in the event of a conflict, the provisions of the General Laws will prevail.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General
Chief, Municipal Law Unit
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Enc.

cc: Lee G. Ambler, Esq., 6 Mendon St., Bellingham, MA 02019

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October 23, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Fall Special Town Meeting of October 9, 1996
ARTICLE 5. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS

I hereby certify the following is a true copy of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham under Article 5 of the Warrant for the Fall Special Town Meeting of October 9, 1996:

ARTICLE 5. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS ARTICLE 4.01, SECTION 4.01.010.

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend General By-Law Article 4.01, Section 4.01.010. "When annual town meeting election to be held", as follows:

"The annual town meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first Tuesday of May each year."

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



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October 23, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Fall Special Town Meeting of October 9, 1996
ARTICLE 6. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS

I hereby certify the following is a true copy of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham under Article 6 of the Warrant for the Fall Special Town Meeting of October 9, 1996:

ARTICLE 6. CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 6.09 BY-LAW CHANGE

VOTED: That the Town amend General By-Law Article 6.09. Access to books, records, accounts, etc.; town officers, etc., to furnish information By-Law to read as follows:

In the discharge of its duty, the Finance Committee shall have the free access to all books of records and accounts, bills and vouchers, excluding those determined to be executive session records, on which money has been received or paid to and from the Town treasury, and any other public records as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 4, Section 7(26). Officers, boards and committees of the Town shall, upon written request, furnish the committee with facts, figures, public records and any other information within ten days of the request.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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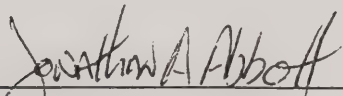
ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the general by-laws adopted under articles 5 and 6 of the warrant for the Bellingham town meeting that convened on October 9, 1996, are approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL


by: Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General

January 3, 1997



SCOTT HARSHBARGER
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108-1698

January 10, 1997

Kathleen M. Harvey
Town Clerk
P.O. Box 367
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

Dear Ms. Harvey:

I return the amendments to the general by-laws adopted under articles 7 of the warrant for the Bellingham fall annual town meeting that first convened on October 9, 1996, with the enclosed approval of this Office. The posting and notice requirements in article 7 greatly exceed the requirements of G.L. c. 39, § 10, and in the event of a conflict, the provisions of the General Laws pertaining to petition articles will prevail.

Sincerely,

Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General
Chief, Municipal Law Unit
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cc: Lee G. Ambler, Esq., 6 Mendon St., Bellingham, MA 02019

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October 23, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Fall Special Town Meeting of October 9, 1996
ARTICLE 7. AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS

I hereby certify the following is a true copy of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham under Article 7 of the Warrant for the Fall Special Town Meeting of October 9, 1996:

ARTICLE 7. CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 4.03 BY-LAW CHANGE

VOTED: That the Town amend General By-Law 4.03. Giving notice of town meeting; posting: time requirement, to read as follows:

"Notice of every town meeting shall be given in accordance with Section 2-7-3 of the Charter and by posting attested copies of the warrant therefor in at least one public place in each precinct not less than forty-five (45) days before the day fixed for the Annual Town Meeting, and thirty (30) days before the day fixed for the Fall Town Meeting and any Special Town Meetings. In the event of an emergency, said notice requirements may be waived by majority vote of the Board of Selectmen but never so that notice is less than 14 days before the date set for any meeting."

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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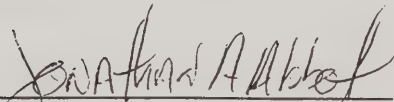
ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the general by-laws adopted under article(s) 7 of the warrant for the Bellingham town meeting that convened on October 9, 1996, are approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL


by Jonathan A. Abbott
Assistant Attorney General

January 10, 1997

Chapter 209

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM TO GRANT AN
ADDITIONAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section seventeen of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Bellingham is hereby authorized to issue, in accordance with the provisions of section fifteen of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. Said license shall be subject to all the provisions of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight except said section seventeen.

House of Representatives, July 20, 1996.

Passed to be enacted, Thomas M. Finneran, Speaker.

In Senate, July 24, 1996.

Passed to be enacted, Thomas F. Birmingham, President.

July 30, 1996.

Approved,
4:58 PM

William F. Weld
Governor.

TOWN CLERK'S RECEIPTS

DOG LICENSES SOLD - 1996

	Numbered Issued	Unit Price	Gross Receipts Paid to Town
Male	132	\$15.00	\$ 1,980.00
Neutered Male	415	\$10.00	\$ 4,150.00
Female	61	\$15.00	\$ 915.00
Spayed Female	514	\$10.00	\$ 5,140.00
Kennel - 3 dogs or less	3	\$30.00	\$ 90.00
Kennel - 10 dogs or less	1	\$55.00	\$ 55.00
Kennel - More than 10 dogs	5	\$105.00	\$ 525.00
TOTAL LICENSES SOLD	1,131		\$12,855.00
LATE FEES			\$ 560.00
TOTAL			\$13,415.00

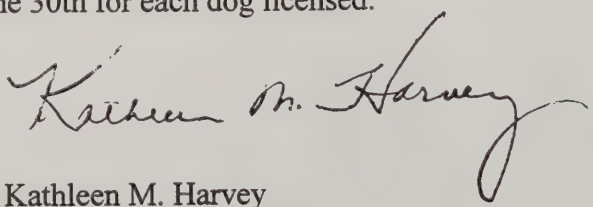
The Town of Bellingham accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 147A at the special Town Meeting held on December 15, 1987. This authorized the town to keep all fees collected from the sale of dog licenses or monies received as fines.

Dog and Kennel Licenses are due annually April 1st.

A \$10.00 late fee is imposed after June 30th for each dog licensed.

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ATTEST:


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Bellingham Town Clerk

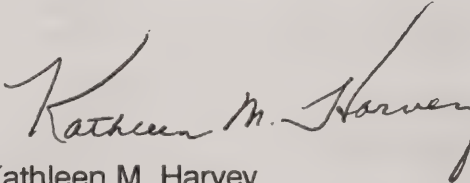
Town Clerk's Receipts

Fish & Game Licenses Sold – 1996

	# Issued	State Unit Price	Gross Receipts	Clerk's Fee Paid to Town	Net Paid to State
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Resident Citizen Fishing	67	22.50	1507.50	33.50	1474.00
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	4	6.50	26.00	2.00	24.00
Resident Citizen Fishing (Age 65–69)	8	11.25	90.00	4.00	86.00
Resident Citizen Fishing Paraplegic, etc.	0	Free	---	---	---
Resident Alien Fishing	3	32.50	97.50	1.50	96.00
Non–Resident Citizen/Alien Fishing	1	18.50	18.50	0.50	18.00
Resident Citizen Hunting	32	22.50	720.00	16.00	704.00
Resident Citizen Hunting (Age 65–69)	1	11.25	11.25	0.50	10.75
Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	3	6.50	19.50	1.50	18.00
Resident Alien Hunting	0	22.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non–Resident Big Game Hunting	1	94.50	94.50	0.50	94.00
Non–Resident Small Game Hunting	2	60.50	121.00	0.50	120.50
Resident Hunting Paraplegic	1	Free	---	---	---
Resident Citizen Sporting	31	40.00	1240.00	15.50	1224.50
Resident Citizen Sproting (Age 65–69)	4	20.00	80.00	2.00	78.00
Resident Citizen Sporting (Over 70)	51	Free	---	---	---
Duplicate Sporting	2	2.00	4.00	---	4.00
Archery/Primitive Firearms Stamps	49	5.10	249.90	4.90	245.00
Mass. Waterfowl Stamps	9	5.00	45.00	2.25	42.75
Primitive Firearms Stamp	21	5.10	107.10	2.10	105.00
Wildlife Conservation Stamp/Resident	147	5.00	735.00	---	735.00
Wildlife Conservation Stamp/Non–Res.	7	5.00	35.00	---	35.00
TOTALS	444		\$5,201.75	\$87.25	\$5,114.50

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ATTEST:


Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES, RECORDALS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.

For the year ending:
December 31, 1996

	Unit Price	Amount Sold	YEARLY TOTAL
Massachusetts Tax Liens	\$ N/C	16	\$0.00
Chattel Mortgages (UCC Filings)	10.00	171	1710.00
Chattel Mortgage Terminations	5.00	27	135.00
Business Certificates	10.00	73	730.00
Raffle & Bazaar Permits	10.00	9	90.00
Pole Location Recordals	12.50	11	137.50
Underground Storage Permits	10.00	25	250.00
Marriage Intentions	10.00	118	1180.00
Marriage Certificates	5.00	201	1005.00
Birth Certificates (long form)	5.00	100	500.00
Birth Certificates (cards)	2.00	248	496.00
Death Certificates	5.00	168	840.00
Amended Vital Recorded	10.00	0	0.00
Delayed Record of Birth	10.00	0	0.00
Home Birth	N/C	0	0.00
Adoption Recording	N/C	2	0.00
Voter Registration Cards	2.00	21	42.00
Street Lists - Resident	5.00	45	225.00
Street List - Non-Resident	10.00	14	140.00
Street Maps	2.00	0	0.00
Assorted Maps	2.00	12	24.00
Zoning By-Laws	8.00	71	568.00
Zoning By-Laws, Mailed	10.00	8	80.00
General By-Laws	10.00	4	40.00
Planning Board Rules & Regs.	8.00	19	152.00
Planning Board Rules & Regs., Mailed	10.00	5	50.00
U.C.C. Copies	2.00	94	188.00
Certification of U.C.C.	10.00	20	200.00
Certification of Record	2.00	9	18.00
Business Certificate (Withdrawn,etc)	5.00	3	15.00
Dog Tag Replacement	2.00	3	6.00
Miscellaneous Copies	0.20	298	59.60
Miscellaneous Computer Page Copies	0.50	250	125.00
Computer Diskettes	150.00	0	0.00
Computer labels (@.02 each min. \$75.00	Varied	2 Sets	150.00
Physicians Certificate of Registration	10.00	0	0.00
Subpoena/Summons Fees	varied	varied	8.00
Miscellaneous Postage	varied	2.00	2.00
Miscellaneous Certifications, etc.	varied	varied	120.17

TOTAL

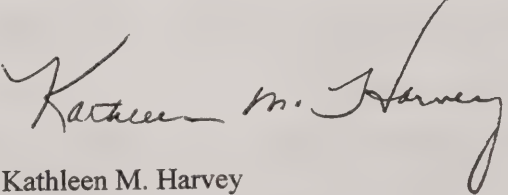
\$9,286.27

TOWN CLERK'S
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
FOR THE YEAR 1996

	<u>Number Issued</u>	<u>Gross Receipts</u>	<u>Receipts Paid to STATE</u>	<u>Receipts Paid to TOWN</u>
Dog License	1131	\$13,415.00	---	\$13,415.00
Fish & Game Receipts	444	\$ 5,201.75	\$5,114.50	\$ 87.25
Misc. Licenses, Certificates, Etc.	Varied	\$ 9,286.27	---	\$ 9,286.27
Non Criminal Disposition Fines				
Leash Law Enforcement		\$ 50.00	---	\$ 50.00
Tobacco Regulation Enforcement		\$ 1,000.00	---	\$ 1,000.00
 TOTALS		 \$28,953.02	 \$5,114.50	 \$23,838.52

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ATTEST:



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Bellingham Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS RECORD

1996

BIRTHS 185

MARRIAGES 115

DEATHS 63

TOTALS 363

Births and deaths recorded in the Town Report reflect events which occurred ONLY in Massachusetts.. Many of Bellingham's births and deaths are in surrounding hospitals in Rhode Island and are considered out-of-state records and not returned to the town of residence.

MARRIAGES recorded in the Town of Bellingham include ONLY those couples who filed their marriage intention in Bellingham.

OUT OF WEDLOCK BIRTHS:

Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1989 allow for resident copies of out of wedlock births to be transmitted to the town of residents, upon request of the mother at the time of birth. This act has been in effect since February 27, 1990 and applies to births from that date to the present.

These records are still considered "impounded" and access is limited to the following individuals:

- Mother and Father - if Father is listed on record
- Child
- Legal Guardian of the Child - with proper legal papers
- Legal representative of the above

VITAL STATISTICS received in the Town Clerk's office too late for publication in the years town report, will be listed separately in the following year's statistics.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

IN THE YEAR 1996

DATE OF
BIRTH

NAME OF CHILD

NAME OF PARENTS

JANUARY

3	Charmagne Lenore Pearson	George H. & Helena J. (Fraize)
3	Kelly Marie Russell	Kevin T. & Susan M. (Halpin)
8	Steven Michael Belcastro	Bart S. & Sonja J. (Zwang)
8	Michael Andrew Gaffney	Ernest J. & Maureen K. (Phillips)
8	Ashley Alice White	Daniel J. & Tammy C. (Taranto)
10	Frederick Martin Rioles	Paul D. & Susan G. (Garvin)
10	Alexandra Brooke Henderson	John J. & Alison (Russell)
11	Joseph Dylan White	William C. & Elizabeth D. (Osojnicki)
12	Rebekah Louise Rogoff	Craig A. & Patresha L. (Sims)
15	Brad Justin Rebello	Robert W. & Hilary A. (Werner)
16	Jarred John Hamerski	James A. & Karen M. (Cappello)
16	John Gordon Beauregard	Kenneth P. & Kimberly A. (Stearns)
17	Mitchell Alan Kessler	Alan P. & Mary D. (DiSorbo)
20	Alice Nicole Felzmann	Frank W. & Kelly A. (Rudolph)
26	Mariah Nicole Lombard	Kevin J. & Donna L. (Dalessandro)
30	Mitchell James Lussier	Daniel J. & Wendy R. (McGuy)

FEBRUARY

7	Sean Patrick Driscoll	John P. & Patricia H. (Kilmartin)
7	Katelin Maura Riley	Michael P. & Bonnie S. (Allen)
11	Karina Ann Saletnik	Brett M. & Julie A. (Luongo)
11	Jacob Normand Hemond	Normand J. & Debra A. (Decoster)
12	Caitlin Rose Barnabe	Mark A. & Carol M. (Glasheen)
15	Emily Elizabeth Morin	Stephen D. & Wendy J. (Criasia)
21	Joy Marie Rizzo	Mark S. & Robin A. (Parady)
25	Taylor Kate Cogliano	Anthony J. & Kimberley M. (Giannetti)
25	Delaney Erin O'Neil	Sean F. & Kathleen M. (Roche)
27	Katherine Renee Fitzgerald	Kevin J. & Diane L. (Allard)
27	Tyler John Schultz	John S. & Kimberly A. (Whyte)
28	Jessica Veronica Busker	James P. & Terese M. (Rogers)
29	Madison Elizabeth Adams	Craig J. & Susan J. (Johnson)

MARCH

1	Philip William Jewers	William P. & Michelle A. (Girard)
5	John William Kelley	Sean J. & Susan D. (Doyle)
6	Emily Catherine Coderre	James J. & Amy F. (Sylvestre)
10	Madison Reanne Bowen	Henry F. & Nicole R. (Morin)
13	Griffin Jason Powers, Jr.	Griffin J. & Angela M. (D'Intinosanto)
20	Michael James Molloy	Vincent A. & Michelle M. (Beauregard)
20	Josseph Patrick Betbeze	Andrew J. & Gina T. (Tristani)
21	David Baker O'Glischen	Paul D. & D'Ann M. (Dennison)
21	Jeffrey Louis Gagnon	John P. & Karen B. (Vayo)
29	Emilee Louise Prescott	Bruce A. & Aura R. (Barrera)

APRIL

7	Connor Scott Bolton	Raymond S. & Elizabeth J. (MacDonald)
9	Kayla Elizabeth Hansen	Daniel J. & Tracy L. (Durfee)
12	Alyssa Wyatt Wojdag	John J. & Alanna L. (Walker)
12	Daniel Blake Boultenhouse	William K. & Kimberly J. (Blake)
13	Andrew Nathias Springston	Robert A. & Traci L. (Martin)
14	Kevin Josphe Martinis	Donald F. & Deanna R. (Rudnicki)
25	Kassidy Lisa Flavin	Douglas R. & Tracy L. (Parsons)
26	Rebekah Gabrielle Scott	David O. & Lorelee M. (Pease)
26	Adam Ku Liu	Jun & Jie (He)
27	Derek Anthony Robbie	Douglas A. & Mary-Threse (Scott)
27	Luke William Lamoreaux	Mark H. & Corinne (Henderson)
28	Benjamin Nicholas Lodge	John P. & Janet L. (Larosa)
29	Jacob Donald Roberts	Jesse D. & Dianne L. (Guisti)
30	Julia Michelle Conrado	Ronald B. & Pauline R. (Gifford)

MAY

1	Nicholas Ralph Gordon Campbell	Peter B. & Cynthia J. (Mason)
3	Austin James Nunn	James D. & Judith L. (Mahoney)
5	Andrew David Willoughby	Anthony & Diane R. (Esterkes)
8	Luke Christopher Palmer	John W. & Patricia M. (Healy)
10	Hunter Dillon Reget	Paul A. & Deborah A. (Kurczy)
14	Eric Joseph Lauricella	Joseph A. & Melissa A. (Miele)
16	David Charles Roy	Mark K. & Jayne I. (Hudson)
17	Emma Elizabeth Rohnstock	James D. & Anne (Remillard)
18	Hailey Cashen Lang	Herbert C. & Ann C. (Webster)
20	Katlyn Alexandra Peters	Lance E. & Dawn M. (Martin)
22	Craig Bradford Cunningham	Alan W. & Lori J. (D'Alessandro)
22	Christopher Ryan Wong	Martin G. & Tracy A. (Campbell)
25	Melanie Marie Kaleta	Edward J. & Mary A. (Cheverie)
26	Hannah Laurie Partington	Donald E. & Kathleen M. (Ficco)
30	Corinne Helen Driscoll	William G. & Kim A. (Bower)

JUNE

6	Michael Scott Alexander	Scott M. & Maureen P. (Farrell)
6	Alex William Thibault	Robert D. & Beth J. (Sutton)
7	Samantha Frances Marley	Scott S. & Helen F. (Manning)
7	Thomas Andrew Roche	Joseph A. & Dana A. (Bartels)
13	Christopher Paul Remillard, Jr.	Christopher P. & Kathleen M. (Flanagan)
15	Anthony Daniel Beschi	Daniel A. & Robin M. (Ritchie)
16	Daniel Stephen Harriman	Stephen F. & Cynthia C. (Collin)
18	Brandon Rogers Kelly	William A. & Lisa J. (Rogers)
21	Ashleigh May Howland	Kenneth J. & Tammy L. (Lee)
26	Courtney Adele Sobocinski	Matthew J. & Pamela A. (Hagberg)
28	Marina Anne Bates	Mark C. & Linda A. (Burke)

JULY

1	Hannah Rae Chase	Brian P. & Kelli A. (McNeill)
5	Alexander James Sawyer	Jerry N. & Tracy A. (Aicardi)
5	Ashley Nicole Thompson	Carl C. & Dawn L. (Vail)
6	Chantal Janae Laferriere	Gerald A. & Leone (Hare)
7	Jaimie Marie Seymour	John D. & Terri A. (Friend)
8	Rachel Ariana Sherman	Scott M. & Rebecca L. (Hatch)
11	Ryan James Nordstrom	Eric H. & Kathleen M. (McGrail)
14	Robert Arthur Biagi, Jr.	Robert A. & Pamela J. (Anzivino)
17	Justin Laplant Fuller	James D. & Suzanne C. (Laplant)
17	Darrian Patrick Heaton	Timothy A. & Brenda L. (Follis)
18	Gina Brittany Pacitto	Domenic A. & Gail L. (Speranza)
18	Courtney Viola Sherman	David F. & Muriel J. (Lavallee)
23	Emily Esther Meyer	Dwight D. & Kristine E. (MacKay)
23	Joshua Francis Kirk	Richard V. & Barbara J. (Pion)
24	Taylor Christopher Sharp	Christopher T. & Carey D. (Rush)
30	Amanda Leigh Menard	Eugene L. & Paula F. (Laliberte)

AUGUST

3	Gunnar Andres Smits	Peter C. & Sarah H. F. (Freeman)
9	Bryanna Leigh Vargas	Paul M. & Jacqueline M. (Harnois)
10	Cameron Tyler Wilson	Alan R. & Kimberly F. (Smith)
11	Robert Harry Briggs	Kenneth L. & Patricia L. (Debonise)
14	Vincent Aaron Brooks	Richard L. & Anne M. (Lesieur)
15	Brandon Tyler Stevens	John C. & Christina M. (Klug)
19	Camden Richard Kennedy	Mark E. & Cathlin L. (Brown)
21	Zachary Cameron Wheat	Jeffrey M. & Karen R. (Fish)
23	Nikola Mileusnic	Alexander & Kim E. (Cannon)
23	Connor Patrick Garvey	Matthew R. & Margaret A. (Riordan)
30	Nicholas James Ruggeri	Robert J. & Jennifer L. (Steel)
30	David Scott Hole	Daniel J. & Kerry A. (Lovell)

SEPTEMBER

1	Erica Ann McColgan	Timothy A. & Sharon L. (Buckley)
4	Brianne Elizabeth Morrisseau	Bruce R. & Tammy L. (Graham)
5	Brianna Leigh Kobel	Gary C. & Christine S. (Dolbec)
6	Curtis Warren Spencer	Kevin M. & Kelly A. (O'Donnell)
8	Zachary Joseph Ruby	Daniel A. & Judith E. (Lydon)
10	Andrew Michael Johnson	Paul & Julie M. (Buffone)
10	Alycia Rose Venuti	James W. & Robin L. (Smith)
10	James John Venuti	James W. & Robin L. (Smith)
12	Sarah Anne Scully	Brian J. & Julianne (Story)
13	Darius Albert Hakimi	Mohammad & Lynda K. (Desjardins)
13	Taylor Alexandra Shields	Steven F. & April L. (Ceurvels)
14	Emily Ann Shain	Randall H. & Cynthia J. (Chlebanowski)
16	Roman Jeremiah Botelho	Alberto M. & Anna M. (Jesusko)
18	Kyle Scott Courtney	Scott E. & Kathleen (Rochefort)
18	Toni Michelle Bonavire	Richard L. & Jean (Alberini)
19	Colin Alexander Berg	John S. & Colleen A. (Brown)
21	Jessica Lyn Coates	Richard A. & Gina M. (Feole)
27	Kayla Elizabeth Iorio	Michael J. & Dawn M. (Walters)
27	Devon Leigh Kratschman	Barry T. & Lisa A. (Laferriere)

OCTOBER

7	Zachary Thomas Rinaldi	Thomas H. & Leslie A. (Barbone)
9	Rebecca-Ann Tram McCarthy	Kevin P. & Tram H. (Hoang)
12	Victoria Leigh Uminsky	Neal E. & Meredith L. (Soley)
15	Aline Valeria Hunt	Walter H. & Lisa M. (Peterson)
16	Anthony John Marra	Anthony N. & Gail N. (Noun)
21	Kalvin Cho	Shih-Chih & Su-Chih (Chiu)
22	Ian Michael Smith	Michael T. & Brenda A. (Blanchard)
22	Cassandra Frances Priante	William A. & Frances J. (Nolletti)
24	Sean Kevin Baxter, Jr.	Sean K. & Dawn M. (Taylor)
25	Katelyn Rose Fournier	Michael P. & Miriam A. (Silva)
25	Cameron Christopher Russell	Ronald & Allison S. (Boughner)
26	Angela Marie Della Torre	Anthony & Catherine M. (Angel)
28	Lois Beverly Taylor	Jon D. & Suzanne (Carnaroli)
29	Alec David Bliss	David M. & Lydia (Pirrota)
31	Michael Gerard Ryan	Jeffrey A. & Karen R. (Thorne)

NOVEMBER

6	Syeda Khanum Zaidi	Syed S. & Narjis F. (Fatima)
8	Paul Michael Flannigan	Paul J. & Maria R. (Surrusco)
9	Victoria Claire Dill	Richard V. & Carol M. (Couture)
9	Taylor Judith Dill	Richard V. & Carol M. (Couture)
10	Garrett James Silva	Steven A. & Kyra L. (Levenson)

NOVEMBER

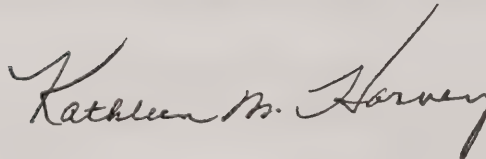
11	Kaitlyn Rose Coolbrith	Gregory & Lori-Ann (Smith)
12	Jared Peter Abernethy	Brian P. & Cheryl A. (Wing)
16	Stephanie Kathleen Gagnon	George E. & Michelle R. (Brunelle)
19	Evelyn Marie Hutchins	James B. & Mary Ellen (Burke)
21	Drew Henry Constantineau	Wilfred E. & Suzanne M. (Daudelin)
22	Jacob Nicholas Bouchard	Robert C. & Robin E. (Moore)
23	Jillian Elizabeth Karakeian	Anthony & Jill A. (Ridolfi)
24	Michael Anthony Bennett	Donald A. & Melissa A. (White)
25	Kendall Charlotte Parker	Jeffrey P. & Christine J. (Hamm)
25	Nicolas Jeffrey Parker	Jeffrey P. & Christine J. (Hamm)
26	Jacob Michael Sutherland	Michael R. & Julie D. (Parker)

DECEMBER

1	Jarred Zachary Gagnon	Roger M. & Paula J. (Boisclair)
2	Ryan Joseph Farrell	Patrick J. & Melissa A. (Grenon)
2	Michael John Pizzillo	David & Michelle E. (Bogan)
9	Shane Michael McCabe	Joseph A. & Janine R. (Theriault)
10	Brendan Scott Loughman	Michael J. & Kelly P. (Pitts)
14	Nicholas John Dumont	Thomas D. & Janice S. (Pitt)
16	Christopher John Mach, Jr.	Christopher J. & Anne G. (Griswold)
21	Austin Max Booth	Bradley M. & Jeanne M. (Boyd)
22	Lindsey Noelle Woods	Francis J. & Kendra V. (Swanson)
22	Matthew Vincent Forziati	William A. & Julie A. (Tornifoglio)
30	Brooke Svezia Geromini	Frank P. & Nicole (Hurley)

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ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

IN THE YEAR 1996

DATE MARRIAGE	NAME OF PRINCIPALS	RESIDENCE
JANUARY		
1	Harold Bernard Kennedy Lisa Marie Grasso	E. Boston, MA Bellingham, MA
27	Ricky Don Goodgion Tammy Lynn Moore	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
FEBRUARY		
3	Scott Alan Smith Mary Kathlyn Desrosiers	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
10	Kevin John Dec Casey Lynn Crothers	Bellingham, MA Danielson, CT
17	Ronald Karl Floser, Jr. Kim Marie Tisdell	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
17	Peter Alexander Knights Diane Marie LaCroix	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
MARCH		
2	Stefan Sojka Jarmila Ergangova	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
2	Steven Michael Clinton Nicole Ann Bonvini	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
16	Renald Yves Berube Jennifer Elizabeth Magnole	Oakland, RI Woonsocket, RI
17	Erik Richard Glockner Melissa Ann Maynard	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
17	Patrick Thomas Scanlon Robin Marie Lynch	Milford, MA Milford, MA

MARCH

23	Nathan Francis Smith Lynda Jean Brooke	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
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30	Leslie Joseph Malloy Joy Elaine Pires	Pawtucket, RI Pawtucket, RI
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APRIL

6	Thomas Currie Reid Kimberley Janet Lewis	Bellingham, MA Purley, Surrey, England
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6	Roland Joseph St.Germain Pauline Mary Piedoux	Manville, RI Manville, RI
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12	Roger H. Oakley Robin Lee Weaver	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
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20	Jeffrey Scott Hudson Andrea Lynne Morin	Milford, MA Milford, MA
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20	Richard Michael Mignacca Lori Ann Choiniere	No. Attleborough, MA Bellingham, MA
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20	Raymond Edward Studley Donna Louise Viola	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
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27	Michael Joseph Marando Danielle Marie Mazzone	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA
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27	Joseph Troy Haner Christine Marie Lussier	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
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MAY

4	Joseph Andrew Borruso, III Carrie Lynn Beksha	Medway, MA Bellingham, MA
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4	Mark Steven Olbrys Maria Louise Sacco	Norwood, MA Bellingham, MA
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11	Richard Henry Bodio Lynne-Mary Roach	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
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MAY

11	Joseph Anthony Mazzuchelli Belinda Ann Egan	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
11	Salvatore Joseph Esposito, II Melinda Ann Welsh	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
18	James Carson McDonald Charlene Marie Donaldson	Shrewsbury, MA Bellingham, MA
18	Harold Tillinghast Gibson, III Christine Monique Fleurette	Bristol, RI Manville, RI
18	Martin Edward Morrill, III Paul Jean Passmore	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
20	Arthur Patrick Richards Terese Mainini	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
25	John Roland Tardif Jo-Ann Marie Brunelle	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
25	Thomas Francis Wyatt Deborah Ann Jacobsen	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

JUNE

1	John Michael Charbonneau Cheryl Ann Mercier	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA
1	John Jude Melanson, Jr. Heidi Anne Davidson	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
1	James Russell Saunders Theresa Irene Hill	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
1	Bernard Edward Luciani, Jr. Kristine Marie Palita	Milford, MA Bellingham, MA
8	Brian Edward Butman Michelle Lee Scott	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
8	Kevin Gerard Halpin, Sr. Karen Diane Boucher	Milford, MA Milford, MA

JUNE

8	Kenneth Joseph Smith Tricia Marie Veneziano	Lincoln, RI Bellingham, MA
22	Steven Michael Kaczor Kendra Marie Dalzell	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
22	Michael Patrick Regan Jane Maureen Grupposo	Medway, MA Bellingham, MA
22	Douglas David Azevedo Kerryn Beth Petcavage	Lincoln, RI Lincoln, RI
29	John Michael Semenuk, III Yaritza Lee Rivera	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
29	Robert William Griffin, II Tina Marie Padula	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
29	Gary David Bibbo Kim Marie Bickom	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
30	Robert David Bailey Jacqueline Ronan	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

JULY

4	Dennis Charles Powell Deborah Ann Lacouture	Bellingham, MA Cumberland, RI
5	Dennis Joseph Nally, Jr. Julie Christine Hoffman	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
6	Gerardo Antonio Sanchez Karen Marie Cook	Bellingham, MA Franklin, MA
6	Daniel Joseph Maguire Diane Frances Crowley	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
6	Andrew Edward Dunn Candace Ann Mahon	Middletown, CT Mendon, MA
7	Robert Francis Mercier Cynthia Lou Burns	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

JULY

26	David Lewis Faria Diane Clare Wirth	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
27	Jorge DeJesus Kimberly Lynn Martin	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI

AUGUST

3	Roger Albert Laflamme Irene Marion Keyes	Uxbridge, MA Uxbridge, MA
3	Warley Santos Silva Anne Marie Johnson	Framingham, MA Bellingham, MA
10	David Francis Azevedo Patricia Brennan Robinson	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
24	Richard Alfred Gentile Cheryl Lee Mullen	Franklin, MA Franklin, MA
24	Gregory Joseph Lueders Kim Marie Conrado	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
24	Kevin Paul Callei Stacie Lee Jenkins	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
24	Lester Louis Maher Patricia Ann Duarte	Upton, MA Upton, MA
25	Richard Wayne Karcher Heidi Erin Decasse	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
30	Charles Robert Hawkins Heather Marie Kirklewski	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA

SEPTEMBER

1	Russell Edward Dalpe Kimberly Jeanne Calderwood	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
1	Paul Robert Bernard Dawn Marie Croce	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
1	Edgar Erwin Buxton, Jr. Linda Marie Rigoli	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

SEPTEMBER

7	Steven Joseph Marolda Paula Jo Cifizzari	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
7	Douglas Daniel Forestal Donna Marie Schram	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
7	Vincent Joseph Scinicariello Colette Marie Mazzola	Blackstone, MA Bellingham, MA
7	Robert Edward Geromini Martha Jane Smith	Bellingham, MA Waltham, MA
7	Mark Mitchell Dennen Karen Beth Frisch	Lincoln, RI Lincoln, RI
14	Charles Francis Cleaves Diane Josephine Beatty	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
14	Bradley Gene Mayo Judith Anne Lowry	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
14	Anthony Patrick Cardarelli Kerry Beth Harrison	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
14	David Gerald Jacome Justine Lee Risotti	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
14	Richard Michael Allendorf Cheryl Louise Hughes	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
14	Fred Lewis MacLellan Dona Lynn Wellman	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
20	Albert Brewer, Jr. Louellen Edick	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
21	Jesus Christ McCarthy Julie Ann Greene	Cumberland, RI Bellingham, MA
21	Thomas Joseph Graham Diane Barbara Szabo	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

SEPTEMBER

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Thomas Donald Dumont
Janice Sue PittBellingham, MA
Bellingham, MA**OCTOBER**

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Dennis Steven Gauthier
Patti Lynn SmithBellingham, MA
Bellingham, MA

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Michael Charles Kelly
Tracy Lynn KingBellingham, MA
Bellingham, MA

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Michael Joseph Hvizdos
Jennifer Ann MarcetAntioch, TN
Antioch, TN

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Frederick Lewis Haarer, III
Jessica Louise TonerBellingham, MA
Bellingham, MA

5

Eric Shaun Steeves
Sharon Marie DalpeBellingham, MA
Bellingham, MA

12

Thomas Joseph Chiappone
Sherilyn McDonaldUxbridge, MA
Bellingham, MA

12

Dale Edward O'Connell
Stacey Lee DunnWoonsocket, RI
Woonsocket, RI

12

William Joseph Casale
Noriko FujiiBellingham, MA
Toyama-Ken, Japan

12

Russell Patrick Sheehan
Barbara Ann AudetWoonsocket, RI
Woonsocket, RI

12

Sean Michael Grenon
Carol Lee SimpsonBellingham, MA
Bellingham, MA

13

David Marc Brien
Karen Marie ChampagneWoonsocket, RI
Woonsocket, RI

13

Nathan Jeffrey Miller
Michelle Ann CollinsBellingham, MA
Bellingham, MA

13

Andrew Michael Jones
Sheila Lee HastieWhite River Junction, VT
White River Junction, VT

OCTOBER

13	Scott Ronald Lyons Lauren Sue Dumas	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
19	Thomas Michael Hammann Jennifer Margaret Tampsett	Franklin, MA Bellingham, MA
19	Kent Roger Maynard Susanna Marie York	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
26	David Wells St.George Lorna Mae Miranda	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
26	Raymond Edward Vadnais Dolores Maria Rodrigue	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
27	James Francis O'Rourke Cynthia Marie Fisher	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
31	Kevin Lucien Martin Chrisitne Diane Tetreault	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI

NOVEMBER

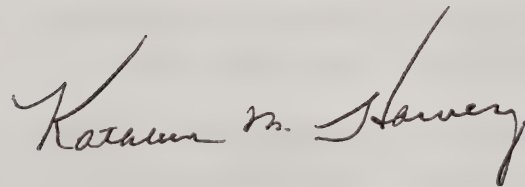
9	Leo Paul Lemieux Doris Alma Leclair	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA
16	William Scott Lavallee, Jr. Andrea Marie Leone	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
22	Raymond Gene Lamberto Priscilla Rose Cabral	Woonsocket, RI Riverside, RI
23	Eric Howard Anderson Tracy Ann Babcock	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
29	James Boroczky Vaughne Leslie Jackson	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
30	Wayne A. Schonberg Nancy Beth Rovedo	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
30	William Alexander Edwards Deborah Louise Sawyer	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

DECEMBER

7	Kevin James VanBeek Andrea Lynn Griffin	Ashland, MA Bellingham, MA
14	Andrew Vincent Jordan Melanie Anne Volz	Franklin, MA Franklin, MA
14	Robert Elio Bonvini Debra Lee Bragdon	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
21	Wilbur Erbert Andrews Patricia Lee Welch	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
28	Thomas James Whitner Brenda Lee Hughes	Uxbridge, MA Uxbridge, MA
31	Mark Andrew Lussier Marsha Dianne Kline	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
31	Chris Eugene Milot Ana Paula DaSilva	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

IN THE YEAR 1996

DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE
JANUARY		
15	Patricia J. Hartland	66
21	Walter P. Tucker	86
23	Elmira Sybil (York) Espanet	86
26	Louis Backman	87
28	Peter E. Halfkenny	72
FEBRUARY		
1	Gerald T. Fitzgerald, Sr.	82
1	Alexander Usenia	64
8	Richard H. Meade	77
17	Barbara Ann (Jensen) Frederick	62
MARCH		
5	Renee B. Pelissier	26
7	Anthony C. Minichiello	78
8	Esther Ruth Young	89
16	Richard Allen Antobenedetto	44
16	Joan Arlene McGue	47
28	Richard Allen Wilson	56
28	Mary L. (Cotton) Logan	82
APRIL		
6	Rodolphe R. Beauregard	80
9	Arthur R. Lunny	71
22	Russell Graham Nelson	70
27	Mary G. (Neri) Gigante	97
MAY		
5	Uraldo E. Thomas	75
24	Betty M. (Liard) Maxfield	67
26	Hannah Laurie Partington	2 Hrs.
28	Bertha C. (O'Brien) O'Connell	72

JUNE

3	Antonio Puopolo	54
14	Kristin Maria Poole	41
16	Eleanor R. (McGrath) Carriere	63
16	John W. Davis, Sr.	46
18	Charles S. Havens	53
20	John J. Young	92
20	Lydia (Ratelle) Petrin	81
21	Kevin B. Abboud	72

JULY

2	Denise G. (Kuster) Gilson	85
6	Edward W. Riley	68
8	Gertrude E. (Rogers) Taylor	80
10	Walter P. Stearns	70
13	Loretta A. (Marshall) Trottier	76
18	Mary Catherine (Wallace) Simson	89
24	Roger H. Lavoie	64
30	Alexander Nadolny	97

AUGUST

18	Roland A. Champagne	78
19	Agnes M. (Bellantoni) Landino	74
25	Guerino Villani	83

SEPTEMBER

19	Estelle Marchand	85
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OCTOBER

1	Rose (Caron) Gaulin	88
13	Robert E. Bigelow	58
13	Louise M. (Manzola) Burkhardt	57
30	Irene A. (Thornhill) Cook	64

NOVEMBER

3	Saverio George DiRusso	54
10	Irene Jeanne (Bernier) Charland	65
21	Julian J. Zielinski	77

DECEMBER

3	Barbara (McDonough) Romano	63
8	Martin James Christie	64
10	Louise (LaRosa) Wardrop	79
13	Herbert William Tracy	84

DECEMBER

15	Michelle A. (Cote) Ladouceur	40
16	Fred W. Bradeen	79
16	John W. Casasanta	71
18	Scott Rheume	35
18	Edward Whalley	76
18	Louise E. (Benninghove) Shiner	69
19	John Joseph Taylor	50
24	Andre R. Fleurette, Sr.	84

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM 1995 BIRTHS

Births recorded in the Town of Bellingham in the year 1996 which **OCCURRED IN 1995**, too late for publication in last year's town report are as follows:

DATE OF**BIRTH****NAME OF CHILD****NAME OF PARENTS****MARCH**

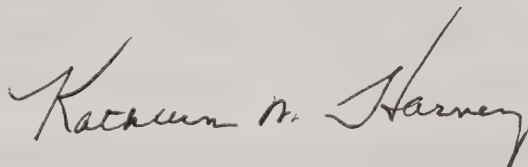
8	Shelby Marie Maiorana	Lee D. & Susan M. (West)
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DECEMBER

6	Angela Marie Imparato	John P. & Lori A. (Lucien)
13	Spencer Gregory Kehoe	Christopher N. & Valerie P. (Gregory)
19	Talia Marie Simoncini	Mark S. & Brenda R. (Griffin)
29	Shayna Rose Geddis	William J. & Lori A. (Yered)

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

TOWN HALL

P. O. BOX 367

BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

Report of the Board of Registrars 1996

The Board of Registrars elected Republican Gordon D. Curtis as Chairman for 1996. Other members are Republican Norman J. Berry and Democrats Kathleen M. Harvey and Bruce W. Lord. Town Clerk, Mrs. Harvey also serves as clerk to the board. Appointed by the Board as Assistant Registrar of Voters at the High School was Edward L. Fleury of the High School Guidance Department.

Voter Registration sessions were posted and held as required by law. In addition to the Annual Town Meeting in May and the Fall Town Meeting in October, registration sessions were held for the following town elections in 1996.

Presidential Primary	March 5th	
Special Primary	March 26th	(Special Primary for State Senator)
Special State Election	April 23rd	(Vacancy for State Senator)
Annual Town Election	May 6th	
State Primary	September 17th	
State (Presidential) Election	November 5th	

With the implementation of the Motor Voter Bill of 1995, significant changes have been made in the election laws, including voter registration. Residents may now register to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles and many Bellingham residents took advantage of this new law. Mail-in voter registration forms were also available at the Bellingham Public Library, Bellingham Post Office or by calling the town clerk's office a form would be sent through the mail.

The breakdown of voters in their precinct and by party affiliation as of December 31, 1996 was as follows:

REGISTERED VOTERS
as of
DECEMBER 31, 1996

	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Inter. 3rd</u> <u>Party</u>	<u>Libertarian</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Unenrolled</u>	<u>Grand</u> <u>Total</u>
<u>Pct.#</u>						
1	492	1	9	215	857	1574
2	559	0	3	223	882	1667
3	461	2	3	219	951	1636
4	533	0	2	247	896	1678
5	800	0	5	148	736	1689
<u>Totals</u>	<u>2845</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>1052</u>	<u>4322</u>	<u>8244</u>

Some important information for registered voters include:

1. If you move from one section of town to another during the year, you should call and update your voting address with the town clerk. You may now do this by phone and receive a written confirmation of this change. This will avoid any needless confusion at the polls on election day.
2. Minors who will become 18 years of age on or before an election or town meeting, may register to vote before the final day of voter registration, even though they are not 18 years of age on the date of registration.
3. New residents may register to vote on their first day of residence in Bellingham and become immediately eligible to vote at all subsequent elections and town meetings, provided the registration is prior to the deadline for a particular election or town meeting.

TOWN CENSUS

The Board of Registrars conducted the annual census by mail in January and mailed 5440 census forms - one to each household in town. Success of the mail-in census rests solely on the cooperation of all the residents and the board wishes to thank all citizens for providing prompt and accurate information.

The town's population as of January 1, 1996 was certified as 14,525 persons. This was an increase of 274 persons over the 1995 total of 14,251.

(A complete tabulation of the town's population back to 1765, is shown separately in the Town Clerk's report.)

The town's resident population of all persons 18 years of age or older is 10,798 persons. Of this figure, 8,244 persons are registered to vote which is 76% of the eligible electorate.

Age Statistics

Infants	0 through 5	1,285
School Age Children	6 through 17	2,442
College Age	18 through 21	691
Adults	22 through 59	8,357
Seniors	60 through 89	1,729
Super Seniors	90 and over	21
TOTAL		14,525

Females outnumber males this year by 293 with 7,409 females to 7,116 males.

In closing, the Board of Registrars wishes to thank Florence MacLaughlin, Assistant Town Clerk, for the assistance she rendered this board and the citizens of the Town of Bellingham during this very busy election year.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gordon D. Curtis, Chairman

Norman J. Berry

Bruce W. Lord

Kathleen M. Harvey, Clerk to the Board



Bellingham Animal Control

Tel. 966 - 5823

6 Mechanic St., Bellingham, Mass. 02019

Lee A. Fleurette

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen;

Gentlemen:

As Animal Control Officer, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1996.

Complaints received and investigated	891
Citations issued	7
Dogs picked up, not claimed by owner	20
Dogs picked up, claimed by owner	59
Dogs found off leash	135
Cata picked up	21
Other animals picked up	27
Dead animals picked up	184
Wild animals Euthanized	17
Animals placed on quarantine	37

Respectfully submitted

Lee A. Fleurette

Animal Control Officer



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REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

(1996)

Number of beef cattle	2
Number of beef herds	1
Number of horses	54
Number of ponies	17
Number of goats	13
Number of sheep	3
Number of mules	3
Number of Llama	1
Number of swine	2
Number of swine herds	2

Animal bites:

A total of 37 animal bites were investigated. All animals were restrained for a period of ten days, and none were found rabid.

Rabies:

A total of 8 animals were brought to the State Rabies Labs, all were found negative for rabies.

Lee A. Fleurette

Animal Inspector



BELLINGHAM AUXILIARY POLICE

CHIEF

EUGENE BARTLETT

45 Newland Avenue
Bellingham, MA 02019
883-4158

DEPUTY CHIEF
JIM EAMES

I extend my thanks to the Town Administrator Denis Fraine, The Board Of Selectmen, Jacqueline and the town's people for their generous support and assistance. I also extend thanks to Chief Richard Boucher, Sgt. James Haughey (our Liason officer) and to Detective Tim Buskirk, Patrol Officer Ken LaMarre and all members of the Bellingham Police Dept. for all the untold hours of training, assistance, co-operation, guidance, professional courtesies and attitude afforded to me and the members of this department.

Special thanks to the individual officers of the Bellingham Police that go over and beyond to assist me and this department.

At the present time all members of this department have completed the C.P.R. (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) and first responder classes conducted by Patrol Officer James Martin, thru the Mass Criminal Justice Training Council. All members have qualified at the firing range and have attended all safety classes on gun handling given by Patrol Officer Ken LaMarre of the Bellingham Police Dept. Sgt. Haughey has conducted training classes on the proper use and safety handling of Mace. Patrol Officer James Martin has also conducted training classes on Vehicle Stops, Officer Safety. In-house training, uniform and weapon inspections, proper radio procedures, report writing and self defense classes were conducted by the training staff.

I offer my congratulations to Aux. Officers Scott Provost, Roger Robert, John Fowler, Rick Kardinal for their participation and completion of the Reserve Officers Training in Canton, Ma, Mass. Criminal Justice Training Council.

In Dec. of 1996 ten (10) officers provided an escort for Santa's annual sleigh ride through the Town Of Bellingham. Eight (8) officers assisted the regular police for Halloween coverage, Five (5) officers assisted with the Spook Trail coverage at the Bellingham Sportsman Club. Eight (8) officers assisted with football coverage at the High School for traffic and crowd control. Two (2) officers assisted the Jail & Bail fund raiser. All officers assisted at the annual Memorial Day Parade. Under mutual aid to Hopkinton, six (6) officers assisted with traffic and crowd control for the BAA Marathon. We also maintain church coverages for the local churches on a weekly basis, provide accident assistance when needed and patrol town schools

At this time I also extend thank-yous to Woonsocket Police Chief Remillard and all the members of his dept. that have assisted us at their range.



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A special thank you to Ms. Debra Swanson for the professional interview that she conducted as part of her school assignment. This interview was done at the Town Library.

Congratulations to Deputy Chief James Eames on being selected the Sgt. Fred Gentile award as Officer Of The Year. This award was presented at our annual Christmas party held at the Bellingham Sportsman Club. A plaque was also presented to Sgt. Tony Denotolis on his retirement for the Auxiliary Police.

Our primary function is to assist the regular police department in the event of an *emergency*. It is not our intent nor desire to take over any work that is customarily assigned to the regular police department, however we do give freely of our time when asked to supplement the regular police of our town.

The Bellingham Auxiliary Police is available to all non-profit organizations. If you wish our services, please contact the regular police department or call Chief Eugene Bartlett at his home. Please try to allow at least two (2) weeks notice so that we can readily schedule your needs accordingly.

Any person wishing to become an Auxiliary Office can obtain an application on the 3rd Sunday of the month at approximately 9:00 A.M. or by calling Chief Bartlett. Persons seeking an application must be a resident of the Town Of Bellingham for at least one (1) year and must be twenty one (21) years of age.

As Chief of the Auxiliary Police I commend this department for their professionalism, attitude and dedication and all courtesies extended to me this past year.

In closing, I extend my thanks to all the Boards and Departments of the Town Of Bellingham that have assisted this department throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Eugene F. Bartlett, Chief
Bellingham Auxiliary Police
Bellingham, Ma 02019



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JIM EAMES

CHIEF
DEPUTY CHIEF
CAPTAIN
1ST LT.

EUGENE BARTLETT
JAMES EAMES/VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
EARLE VATER/COMMUNICATIONS/SELF DEFENSE
G. STEVEN SCHREFFLER/SECRETARY

LINE SARGEANTS

JOSEPH MATKOWSKI/SUPPLY SGT/CRUISER DATA
REPORTS
JOHN KAUKER/TREASURER
RONALD MASON

PATROL OFFICERS

MARK DUQUETTE
FRED SAVOIE
KEN JONES
TOM KEIRSTEAD
RICHARD KARDINAL
JOHN FOWLER
JASON BOITEAU
ROGER ROBERT
SCOTT PROVOST



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

6 MECHANIC STREET
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019
(508) 966-5820

BOARD OF HEALTH

Annual Report of 1996

During the past year the Board of Selectmen appointed Lawrence Cibley, Wilfred Arcand and Vincent Forte to fill the vacant positions on the Board of Health. The biggest problem facing our board as well as other boards in the Commonwealth has been keeping up with, and working to implement the rules and regulations under Title 5. Vincent Forte has represented our board at numerous seminars and lectures on Title 5 and has been an enormous help to all of us working under these regulations.

The E.M.S. Committee sponsored two anti-choke training courses during the year. These courses are to train the owners and employees of food establishments in the proper procedures of removing food lodged in the throat. All Food Service Establishments shall have on duty a minimum of one (1) employee currently certified in the Heimlich Maneuver during operational hours.

David Farrington who has been appointed Program Manager for the Tobacco Control Program resigned the position this year to pursue other professional avenues. The Board of Health was pleased to appoint Sally Mendzela to fill the vacant position. Ms. Mendzela has extensive background in the communications and public relations industry, and with her professional and educational background we believe she will prove to be most effective in her new position. In addition to Bellingham she will be working with the Board of Health in Blackstone, Mendon, and Uxbridge. Sally will also be involved with submitting the grant for the continuing funding for this position with a goal of reducing tobacco use by 50% by 1999.

The Bellingham Landfill has been capped, and the project was completed under budget and ahead of schedule. The Board expresses our appreciation to Ted Bailey, resident engineer as well as S.E.A. Engineering Consultants, R.P. Iannuccillo & Sons Construction Co. and William Cummings, Norman McLinden, and Robert Provost all members of the Board of Health through most of the Landfill Closure project. We would also like to express our appreciation to Jill Karakeian, Charlotte Mangano, John Emidy, Stuart LeClaire, Florent Levesque, Paul St.George, and Albert Florentz, our new Health Agent, all hard working dedicated employees of the Town of Bellingham.

We would like to thank Norfolk County Mosquito Control for all their hard work of dredging nuisance areas and spraying thousands of acres at no cost to the Town.

We would like to thank the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Milford-Northbridge for all their cooperation and service to Bellingham residents.

We would thank the Recycling Committee for all their hard work and dedication. We urge the Recycling Committee to move forward to the implementation of curbside recycling to promote a higher percentage of town residents participation in recycling.

The Board of Health extends its gratitude and thanks to all concerned citizens and public officials for their cooperation and assistance in promoting the health, welfare and safety of all our citizens.

The number of permits that were issued by the Board of Health are as follows:

28	Retail Food Establishments
47	Food Service Establishments
9	Temporary Food Service
29	Tobacco Vendor Permits
56	Repaired Septic Systems
24	New Septic Systems
27	Disposal Works Installers
4	Mobil Food Permits
2	Syringe Permits
3	Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits
4	Rubbish Haulers Permits
19	Septic Haulers Permits
2	Tanning Permits

\$34,084.00 in fees was collected by the Board of Health.



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Town of Bellingham continues to roll toward the next century on a high note.

The services provided to our community continue to improve, while efficient management by our employees, Boards and Committees have resulted in only modest budgeting increases. Additionally, the added revenue from recent business development limited our tax increase this past year to less than 2%.

Growth continues to dominate much of the time spent by Town government. This has been true of the past five years and will likely continue into the foreseeable future. The need for roadway improvements, sewer expansion as well as added School and Municipal office space reflect a growing business and residential population. While we are proud to be considered an attractive and desirable Town to so many who have recently called Bellingham home, we need to adapt to growing demands.

In 1996, we saw the Town commence its first Comprehensive Master Plan in over 30 years. The project has involved the participation of many Town officials, but of great significance, many newcomers to Town Government are participating in a process which will leave a blueprint for Policy Boards to consider in the years ahead. This plan will recommend and review the need for zoning changes, infrastructure improvements, as well as examine quality of life issues. "Hats-Off" to Guy Fleurette, who as Chairman of this project, is spending several nights a week meeting with various Master Plan sub-committees.

Commercial growth continues to boom in North Bellingham adjacent to Rte. 495. Even more significant than the amount of development is the quality of the retailers we are attracting. Nationally recognized firms such as Home Depot, Toy R'Us, and Wal-Mart have been so successful anchoring the Crossroads and Stallbrook Plazas that a third plaza is expected to be developed in 1997. As mentioned earlier, the tax revenue generated from these projects has allowed the Town to limit the FY97 tax increase to less than 2% while continuing to improve services. Additionally, many of our residents have found employment opportunities right here in Bellingham with these new businesses.

As important as business development is to our financial stability, the preservation and development of Open Space is every bit as important to our quality of life. Land is a resource whose value cannot be underestimated. Accordingly, we continue to encourage

preservation and recreational projects throughout Town. Most notably, construction has begun on a 20 acre ballfield complex behind the High School. The fields were partially funded with a \$100,000 Conservation Services grant and will be completed this Spring. These fields are protected with a Conservation restriction which will prohibit any other use for this property.

The highest profile initiative in recent memory, the Town Common project, is scheduled for construction this Spring. Congratulations to the Town Common Committee who have taken this project from a "long shot" of an idea to reality in less than two years. Public support has been tremendous as evidenced by the financial support of nearly 1 million dollars voted by Town Meeting. This project will leave a lasting legacy for future generations to enjoy.

The May election brought a new face to the Board of Selectmen in the person of Ann Odabashian. Although new to our Board, Ann served for many years on the School Committee and has been involved in a number of Town events over the years.

Good luck to Mitch Clinton who served the Town proudly as a member of the Board. Mitch's "no-nonsense" approach to dealing with the Town's business was well respected by his colleagues.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank all of our Town employees for a job well done. Your hard work and sincerity help make our community a wonderful place to live. Finally, special thanks to the many volunteers who serve our Town on countless Boards and Committees. Your dedication and professionalism is much appreciated.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John E. Tuttle, Jr., Chairman
James A. McElroy, Vice Chairman
Guy A. Fleurette
Jerald A. Mayhew
Ann L. Odabashian



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

TOWN HALL ANNEX

4 Mechanic Street

Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Report of the Chief Financial Officer

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61, of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the annual report of the Chief Financial Officer for the fiscal year July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

The Treasurer-Collector's cash was examined and found to be in balance. An audit of fiscal 1996 was performed and the results were presented to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. The audit results from Fiscal 1996 are included in this report.

Various financial reports are included in my annual report and all accounts are maintained under the Uniform Municipal Accounting System as promulgated by the state of Massachusetts. The method of accounting used is a cash basis/modified accrual fund basis that brings the town's accounting methods more closely into a GAAP basis of accounting that is used nationally.

Fiscal 1996 was yet another successful year for the town of Bellingham. Aggressive pursuit of delinquent taxes, refunding of high interest debt, planned investments, and continued financial management and planning have contributed to improving the financial well-being of the town of Bellingham. The Financial Office continues to maintain a conservative approach to both revenue forecasting and expense budgeting. Continued financial stability is the utmost priority.

The town of Bellingham entered the bond market in December, 1996 to bond various projects authorized at town meeting and we received a very favorable rate from Moody's Rating Service due to our current financial position. We also received a very positive rating in early March, 1996, as we entered into the refunding market. The overall savings on the refunding issue is well in excess of \$150,000.00 in present day value dollars. Moody's Rating Service attributed the positive rating to the successful administrative and financial structure of the town.

Fiscal 1996 brought many changes to the Financial Office and we view these changes to be positive. We have added Mr. Edward O'Neil to our Assessors staff and he is a most welcome addition.

The computer installation is on-going and continues to be a success. It provides us with up-to-date current information enabling us to make informed financial decisions. As previously stated, this project is continuing and will see completion of this phase in fiscal 1998.

Also, the outstanding delinquent taxes have been reduced from a high in fiscal 1993 of \$2,600,128.00 to a low of \$954,547.00 at the close of fiscal 1996. Due to the efforts of Ms. Grace Devitt, Treasurer/Collector and her staff, we have aggressively pursued delinquent taxes and collected what is due to the town of Bellingham, making all taxation fair and equitable for all residents.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the office of the Town Administrator and the Finance Committee for their continued support. Also, I would like to thank all town departments for their cooperation as their support has been vital.

A special "thank-you" to my staff, Nancy Bailey and Wendy Anderson, for their continued support in my office.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn A. Mathieu
Chief Financial Officer

ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT

The Assessment Administration office is responsible for the appraisal and subsequent taxation of all real and personal property in the Town of Bellingham. The total taxable valuation for fiscal year 1997 is \$916, 296, 320. The breakdown per class is \$579, 761,223 for the residential class and \$336, 535, 097 for the commercial, industrial & personal property classes. As a growth community the total assessed valuation has been increasing steadily each year. The total new growth for this fiscal year was \$24, 126, 776 in valuation or \$375, 895 in tax dollars.

The Board of Assessors and the Director of Assessments presented to the Board of Selectman at the tax classification hearing the available alternatives in shifting the tax burden between the classes of property. The Board of Selectman voted to maintain a single tax rate of \$15.87 per one thousand in assessed value. This decision allows each property owner to pay the same tax rate whether residential, commercial, industrial or personal property.

The upcoming fiscal year is a state mandated revaluation year. All real and personal property must be at market value levels per the guidelines of the Dept. of Revenue. The Assessment Administration office is currently underway in devising a workplan for the revaluation with the Bureau of Local Assessment of the Department of Revenue.

Town of Bellingham
YTD Expenditure Summary
Fiscal Year: 1996

Account Description	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Pre-Encumb& Encumbrance	Actual Expenditures	Remaining Balance	Pct Use
100 General Fund						
114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	215.00	.00	.00	215.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	125.00	.00	.00	95.00	30.00	76.00
Total 114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR	340.00	.00	.00	310.00	30.00	91.18
122 SELECTMEN						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	6,000.00	.00	.00	4,999.76	1,000.24	83.33
SALARIES	30,694.00	.00	.00	30,694.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	21,451.00	24,000.00	.00	45,275.29	175.71	99.61
Total 122 SELECTMEN	58,145.00	24,000.00	.00	80,969.05	1,175.95	98.57
123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR						
SALARIES	71,300.00	.00	.00	71,173.43	126.57	99.82
EXPENSES	5,150.00	.00	.00	5,080.03	69.97	98.64
Total 123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	76,450.00	.00	.00	76,253.46	196.54	99.74
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE						
SALARIES	1,680.00	.00	.00	1,680.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	1,450.00	.00	.00	1,307.98	142.02	90.21
Total 131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	3,130.00	.00	.00	2,987.98	142.02	95.46
132 RESERVE FUND						
EXPENSES	150,000.00	-71,150.00	.00	.00	78,850.00	.00
Total 132 RESERVE FUND	150,000.00	-71,150.00	.00	.00	78,850.00	.00
135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER						
SALARIES	90,759.00	.00	.00	89,523.72	1,235.28	98.64
EXPENSES	21,250.00	.00	.00	20,505.34	744.66	96.50
Total 135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	112,009.00	.00	.00	110,029.06	1,979.94	98.23
137 ASSESSORS						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD SALARY	3,800.00	.00	.00	3,500.00	300.00	92.11
SALARIES	102,317.00	8,000.00	.00	95,283.12	15,033.88	86.37
EXPENSES	11,500.00	3,500.00	.00	10,435.83	4,564.17	69.57
Total 137 ASSESSORS	117,617.00	11,500.00	.00	109,218.95	19,898.05	84.59
138 TREASURER						
SALARIES	50,644.00	.00	.00	50,467.32	176.68	99.65
EXPENSES	47,500.00	.00	.00	33,382.25	14,117.75	70.28
Total 138 TREASURER	98,144.00	.00	.00	83,849.57	14,294.43	85.44

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139 TOWN COLLECTOR						
SALARIES	94,675.00	.00	.00	93,036.47	1,638.53	98.27
EXPENSES	49,001.00	.00	.00	38,842.01	10,158.99	79.27
Total 139 TOWN COLLECTOR	143,676.00	.00	.00	131,878.48	11,797.52	91.79
151 TOWN COUNSEL						
SALARIES	12,870.00	.00	.00	12,870.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	21,700.00	.00	.00	21,700.00	.00	100.00
Total 151 TOWN COUNSEL	34,570.00	.00	.00	34,570.00	.00	100.00
152 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT						
SALARIES	1,680.00	.00	.00	1,680.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	310.00	.00	.00	139.23	170.77	44.91
Total 152 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT	1,990.00	.00	.00	1,819.23	170.77	91.42
154 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM						
SALARIES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
EXPENSES	54,583.00	.00	.00	51,398.43	3,184.57	94.17
CAPITAL OUTLAY	70,417.00	.00	.00	38,680.43	31,736.57	54.93
Total 154 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM	125,000.00	.00	.00	90,078.86	34,921.14	72.06
156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE						
EXPENSES	.00	45,000.00	.00	3,972.26	41,027.74	8.83
Total 156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	.00	45,000.00	.00	3,972.26	41,027.74	8.83
161 TOWN CLERK						
ELECTED/APPOINTED SALARY	34,432.00	.00	.00	34,432.00	.00	100.00
SALARIES	23,883.00	.00	.00	23,882.60	.40	100.00
EXPENSES	2,360.00	.00	.00	2,173.51	186.49	92.10
Total 161 TOWN CLERK	60,675.00	.00	.00	60,488.11	186.89	99.69
162 ELECTIONS						
SALARIES	1,000.00	.00	.00	954.47	45.53	95.45
EXPENSES	16,300.00	12,400.00	.00	25,069.61	3,630.39	87.35
Total 162 ELECTIONS	17,300.00	12,400.00	.00	26,024.08	3,675.92	87.62
163 REGISTRATION						
SALARIES	1,700.00	.00	.00	1,400.00	300.00	82.35
EXPENSES	6,500.00	.00	.00	3,938.69	2,561.31	60.60
Total 163 REGISTRATION	8,200.00	.00	.00	5,338.69	2,861.31	65.11

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171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
SALARIES	2,100.00	.00	.00	2,100.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	2,780.00	.00	.00	2,408.76	371.24	86.65
Total 171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4,880.00	.00	.00	4,508.76	371.24	92.39
172 PLANNING BOARD						
ELECTED SALARIES	5,000.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	100.00
SALARIES	5,572.00	.00	.00	5,572.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	12,411.00	.00	.00	12,329.62	81.38	99.34
Total 172 PLANNING BOARD	22,983.00	.00	.00	22,901.62	81.38	99.65
173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS						
SALARIES	2,135.00	.00	.00	2,135.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	910.00	.00	.00	.00	910.00	.00
Total 173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	3,045.00	.00	.00	2,135.00	910.00	70.11
180 INDUSTRIAL DEV FINANCE AUTH						
EXPENSES	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
Total 180 INDUSTRIAL DEV FINANCE AUTH	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
181 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION						
SALARIES	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	.00
EXPENSES	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	.00
Total 181 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.00
182 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMM						
EXPENSES	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.00
Total 182 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMM	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.00
189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE						
SALARIES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
EXPENSES	101,440.00	27,500.00	.00	124,631.58	4,308.42	96.66
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,560.00	.00	.00	1,560.00	.00	100.00
Total 189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE	103,000.00	27,500.00	.00	126,191.58	4,308.42	96.70
190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE						
SALARIES	40,000.00	.00	.00	26,074.72	13,925.28	65.19
EXPENSES	40,000.00	.00	.00	8,470.00	31,530.00	21.18
Total 190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE	80,000.00	.00	.00	34,544.72	45,455.28	43.18
191 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT						
SALARIES	1,200.00	.00	.00	1,200.00	.00	100.00

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Total 191 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT	1,200.00	.00	.00	1,200.00	.00	100.00
192 EMPLOYEE SICK DAY BUY-BACK FD						
SALARIES	50,000.00	.00	.00	23,931.27	26,068.73	47.86
EXPENSES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total 192 EMPLOYEE SICK DAY BUY-BACK FD	50,000.00	.00	.00	23,931.27	26,068.73	47.86
193 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE						
EXPENSES	215,000.00	-5,000.00	.00	195,921.00	14,079.00	93.30
Total 193 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	215,000.00	-5,000.00	.00	195,921.00	14,079.00	93.30
194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT						
EXPENSES	675,000.00	-5,000.00	.00	661,952.56	8,047.44	98.80
Total 194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	675,000.00	-5,000.00	.00	661,952.56	8,047.44	98.80
195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE						
EXPENSES	60,000.00	13,000.00	.00	73,311.52	-311.52	100.43
Total 195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE	60,000.00	13,000.00	.00	73,311.52	-311.52	100.43
196 TOWN REPORTS						
EXPENSES	5,000.00	.00	.00	1,606.00	3,394.00	32.12
Total 196 TOWN REPORTS	5,000.00	.00	.00	1,606.00	3,394.00	32.12
197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH						
EXPENSES	18,000.00	5,886.50	.00	23,822.48	64.02	99.73
Total 197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	18,000.00	5,886.50	.00	23,822.48	64.02	99.73
198 INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE						
EXPENSES	10,000.00	9,000.00	.00	16,767.71	2,232.29	88.25
Total 198 INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	10,000.00	9,000.00	.00	16,767.71	2,232.29	88.25
199 DAMAGES TO PERSONS/PROPERTY						
EXPENSES	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
Total 199 DAMAGES TO PERSONS/PROPERTY	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT						
CAPITAL OUTLAY	201.23	.00	.00	192.00	9.23	95.41
SALARIES	1,202,349.00	12,000.00	.00	1,212,638.07	1,710.93	99.86
EXPENSES	69,298.77	8,400.00	.00	77,395.11	303.66	99.61

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Total 210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,271,849.00	20,400.00	.00	1,290,225.18	2,023.82	99.84
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT						
SALARIES	582,659.00	16,000.00	.00	557,106.35	41,552.65	93.06
EXPENSES	36,076.00	4,500.00	.00	40,563.88	12.12	99.97
Total 220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	618,735.00	20,500.00	.00	597,670.23	41,564.77	93.50
251 TOWN INSPECTOR						
SALARIES	54,774.00	.00	.00	52,873.89	1,900.11	96.53
EXPENSES	3,540.00	.00	.00	3,254.77	285.23	91.94
	300.00	.00	.00	295.00	5.00	98.33
Total 251 TOWN INSPECTOR	58,614.00	.00	.00	56,423.66	2,190.34	96.26
252 SEALERS OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES						
SALARIES	1,200.00	.00	.00	1,200.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	600.00	.00	.00	.00	600.00	.00
Total 252 SEALERS OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES	1,800.00	.00	.00	1,200.00	600.00	66.67
253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS						
SALARIES	19,290.00	.00	.00	17,162.93	2,127.07	88.97
EXPENSES	600.00	.00	.00	564.80	35.20	94.13
Total 253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS	19,890.00	.00	.00	17,727.73	2,162.27	89.13
255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR						
SALARIES	14,000.00	.00	.00	14,000.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	1,000.00	.00	.00	577.51	422.49	57.75
Total 255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	15,000.00	.00	.00	14,577.51	422.49	97.18
292 ANIMAL CONTROL						
SALARIES	35,290.00	.00	.00	31,530.00	3,760.00	89.35
EXPENSES	6,377.00	750.00	.00	4,211.28	2,915.72	59.09
Total 292 ANIMAL CONTROL	41,667.00	750.00	.00	35,741.28	6,675.72	84.26
294 TREE WARDEN						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	2,232.00	.00	.00	2,232.00	.00	100.00
SALARIES	3,720.00	.00	.00	216.00	3,504.00	5.81
EXPENSES	1,555.00	.00	.00	.00	1,555.00	.00
Total 294 TREE WARDEN	7,507.00	.00	.00	2,448.00	5,059.00	32.61
299 AUXILIARY POLICE						
EXPENSES	2,876.00	.00	.00	2,858.18	17.82	99.38

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Total 299 AUXILIARY POLICE	2,876.00	.00	.00	2,858.18	17.82	99.38
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	5,000.00	-166.66	.00	4,833.34	.00	100.00
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET	10,061,050.00	255,766.66	.00	10,234,542.31	82,274.35	99.20
Total 300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	10,066,050.00	255,600.00	.00	10,239,375.65	82,274.35	99.20
302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL EXPENSES	201,312.00	.00	.00	201,312.00	.00	100.00
Total 302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL	201,312.00	.00	.00	201,312.00	.00	100.00
303 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES SUMMARY	682,000.00	152,380.00	.00	830,755.54	3,624.46	99.57
Total 303 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	682,000.00	152,380.00	.00	830,755.54	3,624.46	99.57
422 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION/MAINT SALARIES	373,700.00	.00	.00	373,152.12	547.88	99.85
EXPENSES	113,500.00	43,900.00	.00	157,400.00	.00	100.00
Total 422 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION/MAINT	487,200.00	43,900.00	.00	530,552.12	547.88	99.90
423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL SALARIES	30,000.00	56,817.05	.00	88,241.05	-1,424.00	101.64
EXPENSES	70,000.00	183,182.95	.00	339,354.92	-86,171.97	134.04
Total 423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	100,000.00	240,000.00	.00	427,595.97	-87,595.97	125.76
424 STREET LIGHTING EXPENSES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	100,000.00	250.00	.00	100,188.39	61.61	99.94
Total 424 STREET LIGHTING	100,000.00	250.00	.00	100,188.39	61.61	99.94
425 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	49,000.00	.00	.00	48,981.64	18.36	99.96
Total 425 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	49,000.00	.00	.00	48,981.64	18.36	99.96
426 GAS AND OIL EXPENSES	75,000.00	-8,000.00	.00	60,419.94	6,580.06	90.18
Total 426 GAS AND OIL	75,000.00	-8,000.00	.00	60,419.94	6,580.06	90.18
433 SOLID WASTE EXPENSES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	680,000.00	-2,000.00	.00	673,362.23	4,637.77	99.32

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Total 433 SOLID WASTE	680,000.00	-2,000.00	.00	673,362.23	4,637.77	99.32
439 SANITARY LANDFILL						
SALARIES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
EXPENSES	42,000.00	.00	.00	41,197.04	802.96	98.09
Total 439 SANITARY LANDFILL	42,000.00	.00	.00	41,197.04	802.96	98.09
440 CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION (CRPCD EXPENSES	118,400.00	-27,400.00	.00	91,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 440 CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION (CRPCD	118,400.00	-27,400.00	.00	91,000.00	.00	100.00
441 WOONSOCKET WASTE WATER (WWWTP) EXPENSES	52,000.00	-16,500.00	.00	26,215.34	9,284.66	73.85
Total 441 WOONSOCKET WASTE WATER (WWWTP)	52,000.00	-16,500.00	.00	26,215.34	9,284.66	73.85
450 WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT						
PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES	5,590.44	.00	.00	5,590.44	.00	100.00
SALARIES	350,310.00	.00	.00	349,584.04	725.96	99.79
EXPENSES	313,929.56	.00	.00	311,276.08	2,653.48	99.15
Total 450 WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT	669,830.00	.00	.00	666,450.56	3,379.44	99.50
491 CEMETERY DEPARTMENT						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	3,600.00	.00	.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	66.67
EXPENSES	1,000.00	.00	.00	681.66	318.34	68.17
Total 491 CEMETERY DEPARTMENT	4,600.00	.00	.00	3,081.66	1,518.34	66.99
496 INSECT/PEST CONTROL EXPENSES	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
Total 496 INSECT/PEST CONTROL	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
497 DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL EXPENSES	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
Total 497 DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
510 BOARD OF HEALTH						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	800.00	.00	.00	747.66	52.34	93.46
SALARIES	31,010.00	.00	.00	28,130.12	2,879.88	90.71
EXPENSES	16,530.00	.00	.00	15,700.52	829.48	94.98
Total 510 BOARD OF HEALTH	48,340.00	.00	.00	44,578.30	3,761.70	92.22

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541 COUNCIL ON AGING						
SALARIES	40,948.00	.00	.00	39,312.50	1,635.50	96.01
EXPENSES	9,100.00	.00	.00	9,047.13	52.87	99.42
Total 541 COUNCIL ON AGING	50,048.00	.00	.00	48,359.63	1,688.37	96.63
543 VETERANS SERVICES						
SALARIES	6,000.00	.00	.00	6,000.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	27,250.00	-1,500.00	.00	3,250.00	22,500.00	12.62
Total 543 VETERANS SERVICES	33,250.00	-1,500.00	.00	9,250.00	22,500.00	29.13
549 VETERANS GRAVE AGENT						
SALARIES	600.00	.00	.00	600.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	250.00	.00	.00	32.00	218.00	12.80
Total 549 VETERANS GRAVE AGENT	850.00	.00	.00	632.00	218.00	74.35
610 LIBRARY						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	525.00	.00	.00	525.00	.00	100.00
SALARIES	120,183.00	10,000.00	.00	127,358.12	2,824.88	97.83
EXPENSES	68,000.00	.00	.00	61,267.94	6,732.06	90.10
Total 610 LIBRARY	188,708.00	10,000.00	.00	189,151.06	9,556.94	95.19
630 PARKS AND RECREATION						
APPOINTED SALARIES	350.00	.00	.00	350.00	.00	100.00
SALARIES	26,520.00	.00	.00	26,483.05	36.95	99.86
EXPENSES	41,930.00	5,710.45	.00	45,152.54	2,487.91	94.78
Total 630 PARKS AND RECREATION	68,800.00	5,710.45	.00	71,985.59	2,524.86	96.61
635 T. ARCAND RECREATIONAL PARK						
	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
Total 635 T. ARCAND RECREATIONAL PARK	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION						
EXPENSES	1,800.00	.00	.00	1,782.93	17.07	99.05
Total 650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION	1,800.00	.00	.00	1,782.93	17.07	99.05
660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS						
EXPENSES	7,000.00	.00	.00	7,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS	7,000.00	.00	.00	7,000.00	.00	100.00
710 DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENT						
EXPENSES	1,810,000.00	-20,000.00	.00	1,730,000.00	60,000.00	96.65

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Total 710 DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	1,810,000.00	-20,000.00	.00	1,730,000.00	60,000.00	96.65
715 DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST ON BONDS EXPENSES	1,490,000.00	-240,000.00	.00	1,240,244.53	9,755.47	99.22
Total 715 DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST ON BONDS	1,490,000.00	-240,000.00	.00	1,240,244.53	9,755.47	99.22
800 STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	.00	106,075.00	.00	125,917.17	-19,842.17	118.71
Total 800 STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	.00	106,075.00	.00	125,917.17	-19,842.17	118.71
900 ARTICLES-FISCAL 1996	18,602.00	1,819,631.6	.00	1,555,334.39	282,899.23	84.61
Total 900 ARTICLES-FISCAL 1996	18,602.00	1,819,631.6	.00	1,555,334.39	282,899.23	84.61
920 BROUGHT FORWARD ARTICLES-1996	.00	340,762.06	.00	186,604.90	154,157.16	54.76
Total 920 BROUGHT FORWARD ARTICLES-1996	.00	340,762.06	.00	186,604.90	154,157.16	54.76
950 ENCUMBRANCES	.00	57,312.80	.00	57,312.80	.00	100.00
Total 950 ENCUMBRANCES	.00	57,312.80	.00	57,312.80	.00	100.00
990 TRANSFER TO WORKMEN'S COMP INTER-FUND TRANSFER	175,000.00	50,000.00	.00	225,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 990 TRANSFER TO WORKMEN'S COMP	175,000.00	50,000.00	.00	225,000.00	.00	100.00
992 TRANSFER TO GROUP INS TRUST INTERFUND TRANSFER	1,750,000.00	.00	.00	1,750,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 992 TRANSFER TO GROUP INS TRUST	1,750,000.00	.00	.00	1,750,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 100 General Fund	23,265,285.00	2,875,008.4	.00	25,209,095.15	931,198.28	96.44
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	23,265,285.00	2,875,008.4	.00	25,209,095.15	931,198.28	96.44

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts

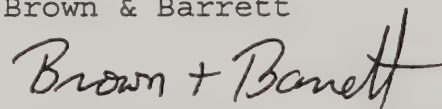
We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, **Government Auditing Standards**, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments". Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Consistent with the practice of most municipalities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town does not capitalize the cost of general fixed assets as required by generally accepted accounting principles. The effects on financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position due to these departures from generally accepted accounting principles is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, except for the effect of not capitalizing fixed assets in a General Fixed Asset Account Group, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 1996, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH
LAWS AND REGULATIONS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts for the year ended June 30, 1996 and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified in several respects, dated August 28, 1996.

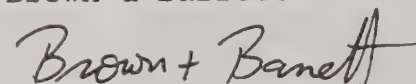
We have conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, **Government Auditing Standards**, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments". Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts, is the responsibility of Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts, management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Town's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, our objective was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions.

The results of our tests indicate that, with respect to the items tested, the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts, complied, in all material respects, with the provisions referred to in the preceding paragraph. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Town had not complied, in all material respects, with those provisions.

This report is intended for the use of management of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL
STRUCTURE RELATED MATTERS NOTED IN A FINANCIAL
STATEMENT AUDIT CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts for the year ended June 30, 1996, and have issued our report thereon, which was qualified in several respects, dated August 28, 1996.

We have conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, **Government Auditing Standards**, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments". Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts, for the year ended June 30, 1996, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The management of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

For the purpose of this report, we have classified the significant internal control structure policies and procedures in the following categories:

- * Revenue
- * Expenditure - Purchasing and Payroll
- * Treasury
- * Financial reporting

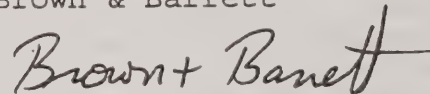
For all of the control categories listed above, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more internal control elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors and irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely manner by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be a material weakness as defined above.

However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we have reported to the management of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts, in a separate letter dated August 28, 1996.

This report is intended for the use of management of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

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Certified Public Accountants

August 28, 1996

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 1996

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS	JUNE 30, 1996
ASSETS:						
CASH	\$ 2,600,038	\$ 637,371	\$ 1,346,307	\$ 2,616,682	\$ -	\$ 7,200,398
INVESTMENTS	2,298,949	-	-	114,136	-	2,413,085
INVESTMENT IN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN	-	-	-	2,281,390	-	2,281,390
PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE:						
CURRENT YEAR	319,566	-	-	-	-	319,566
PRIOR YEAR	19,300	-	-	-	-	19,300
OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:						
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	113,352	-	-	-	-	113,352
TAX LIENS	954,547	-	-	-	-	954,547
WATER & SEWER	191,456	-	-	-	-	191,456
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	2,073,371	-	-	-	-	2,073,371
DEPARTMENTAL	164,615	-	-	49,563	-	214,178
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	321,231	398,729	-	-	719,960
OTHER ASSETS	19,149	-	-	273,431	-	292,580
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIREMENT OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS	-	-	-	-	19,089,967	19,089,967
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 8,754,343	\$ 958,602	\$ 1,745,036	\$ 5,335,202	\$ 19,089,967	\$ 35,883,150
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LIABILITIES:						
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 503,715	\$ 27,269	\$ 8,578	\$ 361,242	\$ -	\$ 900,804
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	4,053	-	-	-	-	4,053
OTHER LIABILITIES	9,389	-	-	28,319	-	37,708
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PAYABLE	-	-	-	2,281,390	-	2,281,390
DEFERRED REVENUE	3,085,430	314,850	-	-	-	3,400,280
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS	770,251	-	-	-	-	770,251
CAPITAL LEASES PAYABLE	-	-	-	-	446,967	446,967
BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE	-	-	3,396,400	-	18,085,000	21,481,400
LANDFILL CLOSURE CARE COSTS	-	-	-	-	558,000	558,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,372,838	342,119	3,404,978	2,670,951	19,089,967	29,880,853
FUND EQUITY:						
FUND BALANCES:						
RESERVED:						
ENCUMBRANCES	630,909	-	-	-	-	630,909
UNRESERVED:						
DESIGNATED (NOTE 11)	850,385	616,483	(1,659,942)	2,664,251	-	2,471,177
UNDESIGNATED (NOTE 10)	2,900,211	-	-	-	-	2,900,211
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	4,381,505	616,483	(1,659,942)	2,664,251	-	6,002,297
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 8,754,343	\$ 958,602	\$ 1,745,036	\$ 5,335,202	\$ 19,089,967	\$ 35,883,150
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these general purpose financial statements

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	EXPENDABLE TRUST	(MEMORANDUM ONLY)
REVENUE:					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 14,221,656	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,221,656
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE	7,073,571	378,355	48,729	-	7,500,655
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - FEDERAL	-	535,834	-	-	535,834
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	1,002,619	-	-	-	1,002,619
INVESTMENT INCOME	273,390	2,585	-	75,910	351,885
WATER & SEWER	1,182,967	-	-	-	1,182,967
SEWER BETTERMENTS	380,753	-	-	-	380,753
PENALTIES & INTEREST	307,599	-	-	-	307,599
TRASH FEES	639,473	-	-	-	639,473
DEPARTMENTAL	650,353	841,590	-	1,078,559	2,570,502
TOTAL REVENUES	25,732,381	1,758,364	48,729	1,154,469	28,693,943
EXPENDITURES:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,823,953	6,022	-	-	1,829,975
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,123,805	71,490	190,229	-	2,385,524
EDUCATION	11,341,403	1,218,103	431,383	-	12,990,889
PUBLIC WORKS	1,871,685	188,510	2,368,863	250	4,429,308
WATER & SEWER	785,453	-	-	-	785,453
HUMAN SERVICES	102,820	70,197	-	-	173,017
CULTURE & RECREATION	314,720	50,881	-	-	365,601
DEBT & INTEREST	2,970,245	-	-	-	2,970,245
DEBT SERVICE - REFUNDING	575,000	-	-	-	575,000
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	125,917	-	-	-	125,917
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	783,018	-	-	1,826,337	2,609,355
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	22,818,019	1,605,203	2,990,475	1,826,587	29,240,284
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	2,914,362	153,161	(2,941,746)	(672,118)	(546,341)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
PROCEEDS OF REFUNDING DEBT	3,725,000	-	-	-	3,725,000
PROCEEDS FROM CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATION	63,178	-	-	-	63,178
PAYMENT TO REFUNDED DEBT ESCROW AGENT	(3,150,000)	-	-	-	(3,150,000)
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	32,924	-	465,000	2,475,000	2,972,924
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(2,940,000)	(32,924)	-	-	(2,972,924)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(2,268,898)	(32,924)	465,000	2,475,000	638,178
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	645,464	120,237	(2,476,746)	1,802,882	91,837
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,736,041	496,246	816,804	861,369	5,910,460
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 4,381,505	\$ 616,483	\$ (1,659,942)	\$ 2,664,251	\$ 6,002,297
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these general purpose financial statements

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1996

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUE:				
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 13,695,862	\$ 13,695,862	\$ 13,695,862	\$ -
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE	7,047,114	7,047,114	7,073,571	26,457
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	790,000	790,000	1,002,619	212,619
INVESTMENT INCOME	135,000	135,000	273,390	138,390
WATER & SEWER	875,000	875,000	1,182,967	307,967
SEWER BETTERMENTS	175,000	175,000	380,753	205,753
PENALTIES & INTEREST	95,000	95,000	307,599	212,599
TRASH FEES	600,000	600,000	639,473	39,473
DEPARTMENTAL	<u>457,000</u>	<u>457,000</u>	<u>650,353</u>	<u>193,353</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>23,869,976</u>	<u>23,869,976</u>	<u>25,206,587</u>	<u>1,336,611</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,047,775	2,034,139	1,845,127	189,012
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,144,388	2,155,788	2,096,171	59,617
EDUCATION	11,491,742	11,517,342	11,513,218	4,124
PUBLIC WORKS	1,607,001	1,881,151	1,869,052	12,099
WATER & SEWER	840,230	796,330	795,604	726
HUMAN SERVICES	132,488	130,988	102,820	28,168
CULTURE & RECREATION	329,519	329,519	319,874	9,645
DEBT & INTEREST	3,300,000	3,040,000	2,970,245	69,755
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	106,075	106,075	125,917	(19,842)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u>809,000</u>	<u>816,886</u>	<u>783,018</u>	<u>33,868</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>22,808,218</u>	<u>22,808,218</u>	<u>22,421,046</u>	<u>387,172</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,061,758	1,061,758	2,785,541	1,723,783
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	13,470	13,470	32,924	19,454
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	<u>(2,940,000)</u>	<u>(2,940,000)</u>	<u>(2,940,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>(2,926,530)</u>	<u>(2,926,530)</u>	<u>(2,907,076)</u>	<u>19,454</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ (1,864,772)	\$ (1,864,772)	\$ (121,535)	\$ 1,743,237
TRANSFER FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,878,559	\$ 1,878,559		
PRIOR YEARS' DEFICITS RAISED	<u>(13,787)</u>	<u>(13,787)</u>		
	\$ 1,864,772	\$ 1,864,772		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these general purpose financial statements

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1996

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying general purpose financial statements present the financial position of the various funds and account group of the Town of Bellingham (Town) as of June 30, 1996. The report includes all the services provided by the Town to its residents and businesses within its boundaries. Municipal services provided include education, public safety, recreation, public works, library and general administration. Criteria used in determining the scope of the reporting entity included the Town's ability to significantly influence operations, selection of governing authority, designation of management, financial interdependency and accountability for fiscal matters. All operations of the Town that meet the preceding criteria are included in the reporting entity.

Excluded from the reporting entity:

Bellingham Housing Authority. The Bellingham Housing Authority has its own elected board. The Town does not exercise any oversight authority and has no influence in its budget or operations.

B. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town are presented on the basis of funds and an account group, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for in a set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, expenditures or expenses and other financing sources and uses. The various funds and account group are grouped by fund categories and fund types as follows:

Governmental Funds Types. Governmental Fund Types are those through which most governmental functions are typically financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the government's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The governmental funds maintained by the Town are as follows:

General Fund - is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Funds - are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by trust funds.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1996

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Fiduciary Funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. Fiduciary funds maintained by the Town are as follows:

Agency Funds - are used to account for funds that are custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of operations.

Expendable Trust Funds - are used to account for trust fund principal and income that may be expended in accordance with conditions of the trust. Expendable trust funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental funds.

Account Group. An account group is used to establish accounting control and accountability for the unmatured principal of its general long-term debt and other long-term obligations that relate to the governmental funds. The Town does not maintain a general fixed asset group of accounts. The account group maintained by the Town is as follows:

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - is used to account for general long-term debt and certain other liabilities that are not specific liabilities of proprietary or trust funds.

C. Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types, expendable trust funds and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1996

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

The Town reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenues also arise when resources are received by the Town before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In the subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

D. Budgets

An annual budget is adopted for the Town's General Fund. Although legislative approval is required for certain capital projects and borrowing authorizations, annual budgets are not prepared for any other funds. Therefore comparison of budget to actual is only presented for the General Fund.

The Town's annual budget is adopted on a statutory basis that differs in some respects from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The major differences between the budget and GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Budgeted revenues are recorded when cash is received, except for real estate and personal property taxes, which are recorded as revenue when levied (budget), as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP);
- (b) Encumbrances are treated as expenditures in the year the purchase commitment is made. Also, certain appropriations, known as special articles, do not lapse and are treated as budgetary expenditures in the year they are authorized.

E. Cash and Investments

Cash balances from all funds, except those required to be segregated by law, are combined to form a pool of cash. Cash balances are invested to the extent available and interest earnings are recognized in the General Fund, certain Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds where required by state law.

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the Town.

Investments are stated at cost or amortized cost, except for investments in the deferred compensation agency fund which are reported at market value.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1996

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

F. Accounts Receivable

Real and Personal Property Taxes. Real and Personal Property Taxes are based on values assessed as of each January 1 and are normally due on the subsequent August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1. By law, all taxable property in the Commonwealth must be assessed at 100% of fair cash value. Taxes due and unpaid after the respective due dates are subject to interest and penalties assessed at 14%. The Town has an ultimate right to foreclosure on property for unpaid taxes. Property taxes are recorded as revenue in the fiscal accounting period that they become both measurable and available. "Available" means expected to be collected within 60 days after the year end of the fiscal year, except under unusual circumstances.

Other Accounts Receivable. Accounts receivable, other than real and personal property taxes, are recorded when billed. Allowances for bad debts, abatements and exemptions are estimated based on historical collections.

G. Inventories

Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when purchased. Inventories of proprietary funds are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Currently the Town does not have any proprietary funds that would use inventoriable items in the normal course of their operation.

H. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted sick and vacation leave in varying amounts based on tenure and in accordance with individual union contracts. Upon retirement certain employees are compensated for unused vacation and sick leave (subject to certain limitations) at their current rates of pay. The current and long-term liability for compensated absences is immaterial and has not been recorded in the General Fund or the General Long-Term Obligations Account Groups respectively.

I. Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1996

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

J. Deferred Revenue

In Governmental Funds, receivables that are not considered available are deferred until collected. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, such amounts are measurable but not available.

K. Fund Equity

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgeting integration in the General Fund. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservation of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities at that date.

L. Interfund Transactions

All interfund transactions are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

M. Memorandum Only - Total Columns

Total columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only for informational purposes.

Note 2. Budgets

Legal Compliance. Budgets are initially prepared by department heads or elected boards, reviewed by the Board of Selectmen, further reviewed by the Finance Committee which makes recommendations to the Town Meeting for approval. The Town must establish its property tax each year so that the property tax rate levy will comply with the limits established by Proposition 2-1/2, Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, and also equal the sum of (a) the aggregate of all annual appropriations, plus (b) the provision for prior year deficits, if any, less (c) the aggregate of all non-property tax revenues estimated to be received, including available funds. Supplemental appropriations may be made from available funds after the setting of the tax rate. All fiscal year appropriations except appropriations for special purposes lapse at year end.

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Note 2. Budgets, continued

Budgetary Data. Budgetary data is based upon accounting principles that differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, in addition to the GAAP basis financial statements, the results of the General Fund are presented in accordance with budgetary accounting principles to provide a meaningful comparison with the budget. The following reconciliation summarizes the differences between GAAP and budgetary basis accounting principles for the General Fund for the year ended June 30, 1996:

	<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</u>
As reported on a budgetary basis	\$ (121,535)
Adjustment of revenue to modified accrual basis	525,794
Proceeds from bond refunding	3,725,000
Bond refunding costs	(3,725,000)
Proceeds from capital lease obligation	63,178
To record fiscal year 1996 expenditures from prior year encumbrances and special articles	(299,963)
To eliminate fiscal year 1996 encumbrances and articles carried forward	<u>477,990</u>
As reported on GAAP basis	\$ 645,464 =====

Note 3. Deposits and Investments

The Town maintains a cash pool that is available for use by all funds, except trust funds. Each fund types' portion of this pool is reflected on the general purpose financial statements under the caption "Cash" and the interest earnings attributable to each fund type are included under "investment income".

State and local statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available to the Town. Deposits (including demand deposits, term deposits and certificates of deposit) in any one financial institution may not exceed certain levels within the financial institutions involved. Investments can also be made in securities issued by or unconditionally guaranteed by the U.S. Government or Agencies that have a maturity of less than one year from the date of purchase, repurchase agreements guaranteed by such securities with maturity dates of no more than 90 days from the date of purchase and units in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust.

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Note 3. Deposits and Investments, continued

DEPOSITS

At year end, the carrying amount of the Town's deposits, excluding petty cash of \$385, was \$7,200,013 and the bank balance was \$7,800,346. The insurance coverage for the bank balance is listed below.

Insured Balances

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)	\$ 1,602,193
Depositor's Insurance Fund of Massachusetts (DIFM)	<u>829,546</u>

Balances Insured	2,431,739
Balances Uninsured & Uncollateralized	<u>5,368,607</u>
Total Balances Per Bank	<u>\$ 7,800,346</u> =====

It is the Town's policy to transfer all deposited funds to a collateralized account after the funds have cleared. Any uninsured or uncollateralized balances represent recent deposits that were transferred to a collateralized account on the next business day.

INVESTMENTS

State statutes authorize the Town to invest in term deposits or certificates of deposit, in trust companies, national banks, savings banks or banking companies, and in obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the United States Government or an agency thereof. The Town is also authorized to invest in repurchase agreements. Funds that are the result of a grant, gift or trust must be invested in accordance with the terms of such grant, gift or trust. Trust funds can be placed at interest in savings, trust or FDIC banking companies which are incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth or national banks. The Town is also authorized to invest in participation units in a combined investment fund, and bonds, notes or securities which are legal investments for savings banks.

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
State Treasurer's Investment Pool	\$ 2,413,085	\$ 2,413,085
Investment in Deferred Compensation Plan Mutual Fund	<u>2,281,390</u>	<u>2,281,390</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 4,694,475</u> =====	<u>\$ 4,694,475</u> =====

The composition of the Town's deposits and investments fluctuates depending primarily on the timing of real estate tax receipts and operating and capital outlays throughout the year.

Note 4. Fixed Assets

The Town does not capitalize the cost of general fixed assets as required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The effects on financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position due to this departure from GAAP is not reasonably determinable.

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Note 5. Temporary borrowings

Under state law, and with the appropriate local authorization, the Town is authorized to borrow funds on a temporary basis as follows:

- . To fund current operations prior to the collection of revenues by issuing revenue anticipation notes (RANS).
- . To fund grants prior to reimbursement by issuing grant anticipation notes (GANS).
- . To fund Capital project costs incurred prior to selling permanent debt by issuing bond anticipation notes (BANS).

Temporary loans are general obligations of the Town and maturity dates are governed by statute.

Note 6. Capital Lease

The Town has entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the acquisition of computer equipment. The lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes (title transfer at the end of the lease term). The Town has not recorded the lease as a Capital Asset and therefore is not in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles. As explained in Note 4 the Town does not maintain a Fixed Assets Account Group. The lease has not been finalized so the future annual obligation for principal and interest has not been established. It is also the intention of the Town to refinance the lease in the near future.

Note 7. Risk Management

The Town has established a limited risk management program for health care and workers' compensation benefits. Premiums are paid into the trust fund by all other funds and are available to pay claims, claim reserves and administrative costs of the program. The Town retains the health care provider to administer the claims process. An excess coverage insurance policy covers individual health care claims in excess of \$45,000. Estimated claims incurred but not paid or reported of \$235,000 have been recorded as of June 30, 1996. Funding is provided by Town meeting authorized operating transfers from the General Fund and payroll withholdings from employees. An analysis of claims activities and current fund balances is presented below.

	<u>Risk Management Program</u>	
	<u>Health</u>	<u>Workers'</u>
	<u>Care</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
Claims payable June 30, 1995	\$ 235,000	\$ -
Current year claims and changes in estimates	1,678,008	80,356
Actual claim payments	(1,678,008)	(80,356)
Claims payable June 30, 1996	\$ 235,000	\$ -
	=====	=====
Fund Balance	\$ 1,279,817	\$ 153,517
	=====	=====

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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Note 8. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Changes in Long-Term Obligations.

During the year ended June 30, 1996, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the general long-term obligations account group:

DESCRIPTION	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE	ORIGINAL	AMOUNT		AMOUNT	
				PRINCIPAL	OUTSTANDING	OUTSTANDING		
				AT JUNE 30,		AT JUNE 30,		
				AMOUNT				
				1995	ADDITIONS	RETIREMENTS	1996	
BONDS AND OTHER LONG-TERM NOTES PAYABLE:								
GENERAL OBLIGATION	07/01/91	07/01/11	7.39%	\$6,450,000	\$ 5,460,000	\$ -	\$ 3,480,000	\$ 1,980,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION	01/15/90	01/15/05	6.74%	\$4,555,000	2,855,000	-	340,000	2,515,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION	01/01/89	06/01/03	7.14%	\$4,300,000	2,270,000	-	290,000	1,980,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION	02/01/89	12/01/03	7.14%	\$2,000,000	1,160,000	-	140,000	1,020,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION	11/15/86	11/15/01	5.60%	\$3,845,000	1,395,000	-	285,000	1,110,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION	09/01/94	09/01/14	5.45%	\$5,710,000	5,710,000	-	325,000	5,385,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION	12/06/94	12/06/14	5.63%	\$390,000	390,000	-	20,000	370,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION	03/12/96	03/12/12	4.92%	\$3,725,000	-	3,725,000	-	3,725,000
					19,240,000	3,725,000	4,880,000	18,085,000

OTHER OBLIGATIONS:

CAPITAL LEASES PAYABLE	429,562	63,178	45,773	446,967
LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	<u>2,900,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,342,000</u>	<u>558,000</u>
	<u>3,329,562</u>	<u>63,178</u>	<u>2,387,773</u>	<u>1,004,967</u>
	\$ 22,569,562	\$ 3,788,178	\$ 7,267,773	\$ 19,089,967
	=====	=====	=====	=====

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Note 8. Long-term Obligations, continued

General Obligations Bonds

The annual requirements to amortize all outstanding bonds, including interest, as of June 30, 1996 is as follows:

Year Ended	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
June 30, 1997	\$ 1,690,000	\$ 1,021,599	\$ 2,711,599
1998	1,585,000	942,445	2,527,445
1999	1,610,000	838,095	2,448,095
2000	1,595,000	733,975	2,328,975
2001	1,595,000	632,275	2,227,275
thereafter	<u>10,010,000</u>	<u>2,807,294</u>	<u>12,817,294</u>
	\$ 18,085,000	\$ 6,975,683	\$ 25,060,683
	=====	=====	=====

The Town also has \$350,000 in grant anticipation notes and \$3,046,400 in bond anticipation notes outstanding in the Capital Projects Fund.

Legal Debt Margin

The following is a computation of the legal debt margin as of June 30, 1996:

Equalized Valuation (January 1, 1996)	
Personal Property and Real Estate	\$ 958,717,400
Debt Limit - 5.0% of Equalized Valuation	\$ 47,935,870
Long-term bonds & notes outstanding	\$ 18,085,000
Loans authorized & unissued	4,530,419
Less: Authorized & unissued - outside debt limit	(2,860,000)
Less: Debt issued - outside debt limit	<u>\$ (15,744,000)</u>
	4,011,419
Legal Debt Margin - inside debt limit	\$ 43,924,451
	=====
Equalized Valuation (January 1, 1996)	
Personal Property and Real Estate	\$ 958,717,400
Debt Limit - 10.0% of Equalized Valuation	\$ 95,871,740
Long-term bonds & notes outstanding	\$ 18,085,000
Loans authorized & unissued	<u>\$ 4,530,419</u>
	22,615,419
Legal Debt Margin - all debt	\$ 73,256,321
	=====

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Note 8. Long-term Obligations, continued

Overlapping Debt

The Town pays assessments under formulas which include debt service payments to other governmental agencies providing services to the Town, (commonly referred to as overlapping debt). The following summary sets forth the long-term debt of such governmental agencies and the estimated share being financed by the Town as of June 30, 1996:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>Total Long-Term Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Town's Estimated Share</u>	<u>Town's Indirect Debt</u>
Norfolk County	\$ 3,003,766	2.12%	\$ 63,680
Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District	<u>735,000</u>	11.23%	<u>82,555</u>
	\$ 3,738,766		\$ 146,235
	=====		=====

Note 9. Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs

During fiscal year 1996 the Town placed a final cover on its closed landfill site and plans to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for thirty years after closure. The Town issued \$1,800,000 in bond anticipation notes to finance the closure costs and has expensed approximately \$1,537,000 on landfill closure costs to date. The \$558,000 reported in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group as landfill closure and postclosure care liability at June 30, 1996, represents \$123,000 in remaining closure costs and \$435,000 in postclosure care costs. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and postclosure care in 1996. Actual cost may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations.

Estimated closure and postclosure care costs

Total June 30, 1995	\$ 2,900,000
Less: Closure costs reflected in the Capital Projects Fund	(1,537,000)
Less: Monitoring costs reflected in the General Fund	(15,000)
Less: Reduction in estimated remaining closure and postclosure care costs	<u>(790,000)</u>
Total June 30, 1996	\$ 558,000
	=====

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Note 10. Undesignated Fund Balance

In order to prepare the accompanying financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, certain budgetary surpluses and deficits, which would otherwise be reflected on the balance sheet under the Massachusetts Statutory System, have been included in undesignated fund balances as follows:

Undesignated	\$ 2,914,653
State and County Assessments, Net	(14,442)
	<u>\$ 2,900,211</u>
	=====

Note 11. Designated Fund Balance

The composition of designated fund balance is as follows:

Fund Balance Reserved for Special Purposes	\$ 850,000
Fund Balance Reserved for Petty Cash	385
	<u>\$ 850,385</u>
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Note 12. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Numerous lawsuits are pending or threatened against the Town, including those claims asserted which are incidental to performing ordinary governmental functions. Such litigation includes actions commenced and claims asserted against the Town for property damage and personal injury, breaches of contract, condemnation proceedings and other alleged violations of law. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable in the opinion of the Town attorney the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Town.

As of June 30, 1996, the Town has loans authorized but unissued as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Landfill	#14 05/25/94	\$ 1,800,000
Macy School Roof	#08 05/24/95	436,400
Well Construction	#08 05/24/95	810,000
Sewer Systems	#17 05/24/95	250,000
Modular Classrooms	#8 05/22/96	400,000
HS Ballfield Lights	#8 05/22/96	60,000
Playing Fields	#8 05/22/96	100,000
Ladder Truck	#8 05/22/96	405,000
Computer	#24 05/22/96	227,019
Well/Land	#20 05/22/96	42,000
		<u>\$ 4,530,419</u>
		=====

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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Note 13. Employee Retirement System

Plan Description

The Town of Bellingham provides retirement benefits to employees (other than certain school department employees) through a contributory retirement system administered by the Norfolk County Contributory Retirement System (the "System"). The System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. Contributions to provide benefits under the System are made by the Town under the pay-as-you-go method by annually contributing the amount determined by the State Division of Public Employee Retirement Administration (PERA). The total annual contribution is determined on the basis of active payroll.

The Town's payroll for all employees for the year ended June 30, 1996 was \$13,358,406. The Town's payroll for employees covered by the System for the year ended June 30, 1996 was approximately \$4,707,500, which was 35.24% of the total payroll. Employee contributions to the System for fiscal year 1996 were \$353,032.

Public school teachers, certain administrative personnel and other professional employees of the Town's School department individually participate in a contributory retirement plan administered by the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board. The Town does not contribute to this plan.

The System is a member of the Massachusetts Contributory Retirement System and is governed by Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Membership in the System is mandatory immediately upon the commencement of employment for all permanent, full-time employees. The System provides for retirement allowance benefits up to a maximum of 80% of a member's highest three-year average annual rate of regular compensation. Benefit payments are based upon a member's age, length of creditable service, level of compensation and group classification.

Members of the System become vested after 10 years of creditable service. A retirement allowance may be received upon reaching age 65 or upon attaining twenty years of service. The Plan also provides for early retirement at age 55 if the Participant (1) has a record of 10 years of creditable service, (2) was on the Town payroll on January 1, 1978, (3) voluntarily left town employment on or after that date, and (4) left accumulated annuity deductions in the Fund. Active members contribute either 5, 7, or 8% of their gross regular compensation depending on the date upon which their membership began.

The System also provides death and disability benefits. The accounting records of the System are maintained on a calendar year basis in accordance with the standards and procedures established by the Commissioner of the Public Employee Retirement Administration.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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JUNE 30, 1996

Note 13. Employee Retirement System

Funding Status and Progress

The amount shown below as the "Pension Benefit Obligation" is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and step-rate benefits, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure is intended to help users assess the funding status of the System on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons among employers. The measure is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits and is independent of the funding method used to determine contributions to the System.

The Pension Benefit Obligation was computed as part of an actuarial valuation performed as of January 1, 1992. Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuation include (a) a rate of return on the investment of present and future assets of 8.0% per year compounded annually, and (b) projected salary increases of 6.0% per year.

Norfolk County Contributory Retirement System
Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation
January 1, 1992

Retirees and Beneficiaries currently receiving benefits and terminated employees not yet receiving benefits	\$115,333,141
Current Employees:	
Accumulated employee contributions, including allocated investment earnings	59,530,296
Employer-financed vested	88,796,226
Employer-financed nonvested	23,917,174
Total Pension Benefit Obligation	<u>287,576,837</u>
Net assets available for benefits, at market value	<u>140,378,621</u>
Unfunded Pension Benefit Obligation	\$147,198,216 =====

The Town's contribution to the System for the year ended June 30, 1996 of \$602,687 was made in accordance with the funding policy described above and represents approximately 3.61% of the System-wide employer contributions.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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JUNE 30, 1996

Note 13. Employee Retirement System

Contribution Requirements and Contributions Made

The Retirement System Funding Policy for the Town is actuarially determined. The Town is required to contribute, each fiscal year, the employer normal cost (in addition to member contributions) plus the amortization of the original unfunded actuarial accrued liability by 2028 with payments increasing at 4.5%, payable at the beginning of each year, plus the amortization of the increase in the unfunded liability due to the removal of the \$30,000 cap over 28 years with payments increasing 4.5% per year. This amount cannot be less than the Cost of benefits minimum until 1998.

Trend Information

Ten year historical trend information showing the System's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is required by GAAP to be included in the System's annual financial report. It is not known whether this report will contain the required historical trend data.

Note 14. Prior Period Adjustment - Reclassification of Fund Balances

The special revenue fund balance and expendable trust fund balances have been restated for a prior period reclassification of the law enforcement fund. As a result the following beginning account balances have been restated;

	<u>Original Balance 6/30/95</u>	<u>Restated Balance 6/30/95</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Special Revenue Fund			
Designated Fund Balance	\$ 491,757 =====	\$ 496,246 =====	\$ 4,489 =====
Expendable Trust Fund			
Designated Fund Balance	\$ 865,858 =====	\$ 861,369 =====	\$ (4,489) =====

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Note 15. Defeased Debt - Advance Refunding

On March 12, 1996, the Town of Bellingham issued general obligation bonds of \$3,725,000 with an interest rate of 4.92% to advance refund at 103% of par value, \$3,150,000 of general obligation bonds issued on July 1, 1991 which carried an interest rate of 7.39%. The net proceeds from the issuance of the general obligation bonds, after paying issuance costs, were used to purchase securities that are guaranteed by the U.S. government and those securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide debt service payments until the term bonds are called at the various call dates. The advance refunding met the requirements of an in-substance debt defeasance and the term bonds were removed from the Town's General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

As a result of the advance refunding, the Town reduced its total debt service requirements by \$165,498, which resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$146,977.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REPORT

Special Revenue Funds are revolving funds designated for a specific purpose. They include the 200 series which are School Grants, the 300 series which are Capital Projects, the 400 series which are Town Grants, the 500 series which are School Revolving, the 600 series which are Town Revolving, the 700 series which are Trust Funds, and the 800 series which are Agency Funds.

This is report of Fund Balance and a negative balance indicates a positive amount remaining.

Town of Bellingham
Special Revenue Fund Report
Fiscal Year: 1996 For The Period Ending 063096

Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Encumbrance	Remaining Balance
202 SCHOOL LUNCH					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-29,663.07	.00	.00	.00	
42920 SCHOOL LUNCH-RECEIPTS	.00	317,417.64	.00	.00	
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	84,878.75	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	137,680.99	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	42,893.57	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	51,080.29	.00	
54161 SCHOOL LUNCH SUPPLIES	.00	.00	158,125.85	.00	
Total 202 SCHOOL LUNCH	-29,663.07	402,296.39	389,780.70	.00	-42,178.76
203 N C SHERIFF'S DARE GRANT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-999.04	.00	.00	.00	
Total 203 N C SHERIFF'S DARE GRANT	-999.04	.00	.00	.00	-999.04
205 EARLY CHILDHOOD CH 188					
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	52,000.00	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	51,244.16	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	755.84	.00	
Total 205 EARLY CHILDHOOD CH 188	.00	52,000.00	52,000.00	.00	.00
206 EARLY CHILDHOOD 99-457					
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	26,935.00	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	26,459.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	476.00	.00	
Total 206 EARLY CHILDHOOD 99-457	.00	26,935.00	26,935.00	.00	.00
210 PROJECT ASSIST 94142					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-410.19	.00	.00	.00	
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	152,604.00	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	120,176.64	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	12,610.07	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	20,227.48	.00	
Total 210 PROJECT ASSIST 94142	-410.19	152,604.00	153,014.19	.00	.00
215 MATH AND SCIENCE					
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	5,156.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,703.00	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	2,453.00	.00	

Town of Bellingham
Special Revenue Fund Report
Fiscal Year: 1996 For The Period Ending 063096

Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Encumbrance	Remaining Balance
Total 215 MATH AND SCIENCE	.00	5,156.00	5,156.00	.00	.00
220 SUMMER SCHOOL REMEDIAL					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-12.60	.00	.00	.00	
Total 220 SUMMER SCHOOL REMEDIAL	-12.60	.00	.00	.00	-12.60
225 DRUG FREE SCHOOLS					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,833.04	.00	.00	.00	
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	9,676.00	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	3,109.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	4,606.65	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,398.83	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	1,098.23	.00	
Total 225 DRUG FREE SCHOOLS	-1,833.04	9,676.00	10,212.71	.00	-1,296.33
229 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ALT HIGH					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-39,749.10	.00	.00	.00	
42410 TUITION - SPED COLLABORATIVE	.00	122,440.22	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	74,512.33	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	500.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	21,375.00	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	510.50	.00	
Total 229 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ALT HIGH	-39,749.10	122,440.22	96,897.83	.00	-65,291.49
230 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ELEMENTARY					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-35,000.38	.00	.00	.00	
42410 TUITION - SPED COLLABORATIVE	.00	55,521.01	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	66,955.56	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	3,643.75	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	717.68	.00	
Total 230 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ELEMENTARY	-35,000.38	55,521.01	71,316.99	.00	-19,204.40
231 EARLY CHILDHOOD-TUITION					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-26,901.94	.00	.00	.00	
42411 TUITION-EARLY CHILDHOOD	.00	68,830.00	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	21,287.35	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	30,010.70	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	1,453.02	.00	

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Total 231 EARLY CHILDHOOD-TUITION	-26,901.94	68,830.00	52,751.07	.00	-42,980.87
245 PROJECT ENCOURAGEMENT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,491.27	.00	.00	.00	
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	104,158.00	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	96,564.34	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,527.89	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	924.22	.00	
Total 245 PROJECT ENCOURAGEMENT	-5,491.27	104,158.00	100,016.45	.00	-9,632.82
250 TITLE IV GRANT					
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	5,402.00	.00	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	5,402.00	.00	
Total 250 TITLE IV GRANT	.00	5,402.00	5,402.00	.00	.00
255 SMOKING CESSATION-HEALTH GRANT					
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	65,291.00	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	50,132.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	7,000.00	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	8,159.00	.00	
Total 255 SMOKING CESSATION-HEALTH GRANT	.00	65,291.00	65,291.00	.00	.00
266 PALMS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT					
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	3,000.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,564.67	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	435.33	.00	
Total 266 PALMS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	.00	.00
267 EDUC REFORM STUDY GROUP					
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	7,919.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	6,909.80	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	1,009.20	.00	
Total 267 EDUC REFORM STUDY GROUP	.00	7,919.00	7,919.00	.00	.00

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**** GRAND TOTAL ****	-140,060.63	1,081,228.62	1,039,692.94	.00	-181,596.31

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301 SEWER PROJECT-PHASE I & II					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	103,725.83	.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	238,553.77	.00	
54090 OFFICE SUPPLIES	.00	.00	198.21	.00	
58600 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	56,251.52	.00	
Total 301 SEWER PROJECT-PHASE I & II	103,725.83	.00	295,003.50	.00	398,729.33
302 FIRE PUMPER (FISCAL 1996)					
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	185,000.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	111.42	.00	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	184,378.80	.00	
Total 302 FIRE PUMPER (FISCAL 1996)	.00	185,000.00	184,490.22	.00	-509.78
303 FIRE DEPT/AIR BAGS (1996)					
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total 303 FIRE DEPT/AIR BAGS (1996)	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
305 STALLBROOK ROOF (FY 1995)					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-45,326.45	.00	.00	.00	
58250 CAP OUTLAY-BUILDING IMPROVE	.00	.00	30,358.98	.00	
Total 305 STALLBROOK ROOF (FY 1995)	-45,326.45	.00	30,358.98	.00	-14,967.47
306 MACY ROOF (FY 1996)					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	14,000.00	.00	.00	.00	
49100 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BONDS	.00	.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	60,436.80	.00	
58250 CAP OUTLAY-BUILDING IMPROVE	.00	.00	337,220.14	.00	
Total 306 MACY ROOF (FY 1996)	14,000.00	.00	397,656.94	.00	411,656.94
310 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS-95					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,367.37	.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,583.06	.00	
58150 CAP OUTLAY-LAND IMPROVEMENT	.00	.00	1,784.31	.00	
Total 310 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS-95	-3,367.37	.00	3,367.37	.00	.00
315 LANDFILL CLOSURE (Y 1995)					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	9,453.59	.00	.00	.00	
49100 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BONDS	.00	.00	.00	.00	

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51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,507.50	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	788,622.31	.00	
58900 CAP OUTLAY-LANDFILL CLOSURE	.00	.00	636,656.52	.00	
Total 315 LANDFILL CLOSURE (Y 1995)	9,453.59	.00	1,427,786.33	.00	1,437,239.92
320 WATER PROJECT (FY 1989)					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,612.29	.00	.00	.00	
Total 320 WATER PROJECT (FY 1989)	-1,612.29	.00	.00	.00	-1,612.29
321 CORROSION CONTROL (FY 1995-96)					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-326,593.06	.00	.00	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	280,000.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	601,486.24	.00	
58600 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	121.71	.00	
Total 321 CORROSION CONTROL (FY 1995-96)	-326,593.06	280,000.00	601,607.95	.00	-4,985.11
322 STAND PIPE PAINTING (FY 1995)					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-22,713.61	.00	.00	.00	
58600 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	5,324.27	.00	
Total 322 STAND PIPE PAINTING (FY 1995)	-22,713.61	.00	5,324.27	.00	-17,389.34
323 WELL # 12 ENG/LAND (FY 1995)					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-176,616.00	.00	.00	.00	
49100 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BONDS	.00	.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	39,141.18	.00	
Total 323 WELL # 12 ENG/LAND (FY 1995)	-176,616.00	.00	39,141.18	.00	-137,474.82
324 FILTRATION PLANT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,704.03	.00	.00	.00	
Total 324 FILTRATION PLANT	-1,704.03	.00	.00	.00	-1,704.03
330 POLICE/FIRE STATION RENOVATION					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-6,427.63	.00	.00	.00	
58250 CAP OUTLAY-BUILDING IMPROVE	.00	.00	5,738.87	.00	
Total 330 POLICE/FIRE STATION RENOVATION	-6,427.63	.00	5,738.87	.00	-688.76

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335 DEPOT STREET BRIDGE					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,981.41	.00	.00	.00	
Total 335 DEPOT STREET BRIDGE	-3,981.41	.00	.00	.00	-3,981.41
340 BOX POND					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-9,623.05	.00	.00	.00	
Total 340 BOX POND	-9,623.05	.00	.00	.00	-9,623.05
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	-470,785.48	465,000.00	2,990,475.61	.00	2,054,690.13

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401 COUNCIL ON AGING					
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	5,453.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	550.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,659.50	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	2,197.46	.00	
Total 401 COUNCIL ON AGING	.00	5,453.00	5,406.96	.00	-46.04
402 LIBRARY-M.E.G./L.I.G.					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-12,750.89	.00	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	13,795.92	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	512.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	18,950.88	.00	
Total 402 LIBRARY-M.E.G./L.I.G.	-12,750.89	13,795.92	19,462.88	.00	-7,083.93
403 ELECTIONS-EXTENDED POLLING HRS					
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	2,837.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	962.00	.00	
Total 403 ELECTIONS-EXTENDED POLLING HRS	.00	2,837.00	962.00	.00	-1,875.00
404 FEMA/MEMA STORM REIMBURSEMENT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-26,935.14	.00	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	80,114.00	.00	.00	
59040 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	.00	.00	107,049.14	.00	
Total 404 FEMA/MEMA STORM REIMBURSEMENT	-26,935.14	80,114.00	107,049.14	.00	.00
405 TOBACCO CONTROL GRANT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,093.19	.00	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	47,847.02	.00	.00	
48000 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	114.00	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	31,152.86	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,648.94	.00	
52010 ADVERTISING	.00	.00	985.02	.00	
52020 POSTAGE	.00	.00	95.36	.00	
52030 TELEPHONE	.00	.00	745.45	.00	
52230 OFFICE EQUIP MNT COSTS/CONTRAC	.00	.00	424.98	.00	
52240 EQUIP MAINT COSTS/CONTRACTS	.00	.00	477.49	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,594.93	.00	
52505 SEMINARS/TRAINING	.00	.00	280.00	.00	
52520 IN-STATE TRAVEL	.00	.00	1,020.04	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	3,443.79	.00	

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Total 405 TOBACCO CONTROL GRANT	-3,093.19	47,961.02	42,868.86	.00	-8,185.35
406 LAW ENFORCEMENT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,942.00	.00	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	6,327.34	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	9,850.00	.00	
Total 406 LAW ENFORCEMENT	-4,942.00	6,327.34	9,850.00	.00	-1,419.34
407 D.A.R.E. GRANT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-8,721.16	.00	.00	.00	
43301 OTHER ST REV-96	.00	12,000.00	.00	.00	
49701 TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL REV FD	.00	3,000.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	13,320.19	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	600.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	9,800.97	.00	
Total 407 D.A.R.E. GRANT	-8,721.16	15,000.00	23,721.16	.00	.00
408 CULTURAL COUNCIL					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-10,490.77	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	4,008.00	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	12,791.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,398.50	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	8,748.94	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	2,976.18	.00	
Total 408 CULTURAL COUNCIL	-10,490.77	16,799.00	14,123.62	.00	-13,166.15
409 SMALL CITIES					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,561.22	.00	.00	.00	
Total 409 SMALL CITIES	-4,561.22	.00	.00	.00	-4,561.22
410 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,179.05	.00	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	5,411.40	.00	.00	
59040 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	.00	.00	10,590.45	.00	
Total 410 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	-5,179.05	5,411.40	10,590.45	.00	.00
412 PEARL ST BRIDGE STUDY					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-278.43	.00	.00	.00	

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Total 412 PEARL ST BRIDGE STUDY	-278.43	.00	.00	.00	-278.43
413 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-24,135.74	.00	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	120,995.75	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,446.00	.00	
58600 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	54,671.48	.00	
58602 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	36,292.59	.00	
Total 413 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND	-24,135.74	120,995.75	92,410.07	.00	-52,721.42
414 BULLET PROOF VESTS-STATE GRANT					
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	13,720.00	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	13,720.00	.00	
Total 414 BULLET PROOF VESTS-STATE GRANT	.00	13,720.00	13,720.00	.00	.00
415 COPS FAST 1996 FEDERAL GRANT					
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	24,998.00	.00	.00	
Total 415 COPS FAST 1996 FEDERAL GRANT	.00	24,998.00	.00	.00	-24,998.00
416 WATER AUDIT/LEAK DETECTION					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-8,504.00	.00	.00	.00	
58880 CAPITAL OUTLAY-LEAK DETECT	.00	.00	8,504.00	.00	
Total 416 WATER AUDIT/LEAK DETECTION	-8,504.00	.00	8,504.00	.00	.00
417 COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT					
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	9,500.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	5,052.08	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	650.00	.00	
52520 IN-STATE TRAVEL	.00	.00	32.06	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	758.83	.00	
59020 TRANSFER TO SPECIAL REVENUE	.00	.00	3,000.00	.00	
Total 417 COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT	.00	9,500.00	9,492.97	.00	-7.03
418 S.A.F.E. FY 96 GRT (FIRE)					
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	2,500.00	.00	.00	
51500 OVERTIME WAGES	.00	.00	1,921.33	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	578.67	.00	

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Total 418 S.A.F.E. FY 96 GRT (FIRE)	.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	.00	.00
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	-109,591.59	365,412.43	360,662.11	.00	-114,341.91

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501 CABLE CLUB GIFT					
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	1,500.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,500.00	.00	
Total 501 CABLE CLUB GIFT	.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00	.00
502 ALTERNATIVE PRINTING S 53 E1/2					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-20,268.12	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	55,535.17	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	596.16	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	51,115.35	.00	
52520 IN-STATE TRAVEL	.00	.00	924.21	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	9,634.37	.00	
Total 502 ALTERNATIVE PRINTING S 53 E1/2	-20,268.12	55,535.17	62,270.09	.00	-13,533.20
503 ALTERNATIVE EDUC GIFT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-104.95	.00	.00	.00	
Total 503 ALTERNATIVE EDUC GIFT	-104.95	.00	.00	.00	-104.95
504 SCHOOL ENERGY/USER FEE S53E1/2					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-239.62	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	13,209.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	12,970.35	.00	
Total 504 SCHOOL ENERGY/USER FEE S53E1/2	-239.62	13,209.00	12,970.35	.00	-478.27
505 SCHOOL RENTAL-M J REED S53E1/2					
42001 FEES	.00	1,405.00	.00	.00	
42500 RENTAL RECEIPTS	.00	260.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	840.00	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	81.60	.00	
Total 505 SCHOOL RENTAL-M J REED S53E1/2	.00	1,665.00	921.60	.00	-743.40
506 SUMMER SCHOOL TUITION					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-11,160.15	.00	.00	.00	
42405 TUITION-FULL TIME	.00	23,488.35	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	18,001.84	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	271.00	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	1,164.66	.00	

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Total 506 SUMMER SCHOOL TUITION	-11,160.15	23,488.35	19,437.50	.00	-15,211.00
507 TUITION/FOSTER STUDENTS					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,059.07	.00	.00	.00	
42405 TUITION-FULL TIME	.00	.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	3,337.50	.00	
Total 507 TUITION/FOSTER STUDENTS	-4,059.07	.00	3,337.50	.00	-721.57
508 ADULT EDUCATION REVOLVING					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-527.04	.00	.00	.00	
42400 TUITION- ADULT EDUCATION	.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total 508 ADULT EDUCATION REVOLVING	-527.04	.00	.00	.00	-527.04
509 D.E.C.A.					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-9.63	.00	.00	.00	
Total 509 D.E.C.A.	-9.63	.00	.00	.00	-9.63
510 ATHLETIC REVOLVING					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,919.45	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	26,784.42	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	225.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	25,306.27	.00	
Total 510 ATHLETIC REVOLVING	-1,919.45	26,784.42	25,531.27	.00	-3,172.60
511 TEACHER INCENTIVE					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-34,910.66	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	2,579.76	.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	7,600.00	.00	
Total 511 TEACHER INCENTIVE	-34,910.66	2,579.76	7,600.00	.00	-29,890.42
512 SCHOOL RENTAL MAINTENANCE					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,634.98	.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,500.00	.00	
Total 512 SCHOOL RENTAL MAINTENANCE	-3,634.98	.00	2,500.00	.00	-1,134.98

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513 LOST BOOK FEES					
42001 FEES	.00	354.00	.00	.00	
Total 513 LOST BOOK FEES	.00	354.00	.00	.00	-354.00
*** GRAND TOTAL *****	-76,833.67	125,115.70	136,068.31	.00	-65,881.06

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601 RESTITUTION RECOVERY					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,017.56	.00	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	53.30	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	970.96	.00	
Total 601 RESTITUTION RECOVERY	-1,017.56	53.30	970.96	.00	-99.90
602 INSURANCE RECOVERY <\$20,000.00					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-8,345.92	.00	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	10,615.66	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	12,559.63	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	236.12	.00	
Total 602 INSURANCE RECOVERY <\$20,000.00	-8,345.92	10,615.66	12,795.75	.00	-6,165.83
603 SALE OF LAND OF LOW VALUE					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,571.83	.00	.00	.00	
Total 603 SALE OF LAND OF LOW VALUE	-4,571.83	.00	.00	.00	-4,571.83
604 SALE OF REAL ESTATE					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-100.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total 604 SALE OF REAL ESTATE	-100.00	.00	.00	.00	-100.00
605 SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,365.00	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	575.00	.00	.00	
Total 605 SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	-4,365.00	575.00	.00	.00	-4,940.00
606 LIBRARY ENERGY FEES					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-342.22	.00	.00	.00	
54100 BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total 606 LIBRARY ENERGY FEES	-342.22	.00	.00	.00	-342.22
607 ARCAD SWIM PROG-CH 53 E 1/2					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,154.22	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	717.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,582.00	.00	

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Total 607 ARCAND SWIM PROG-CH 53 E 1/2	-5,154.22	717.00	2,582.00	.00	-3,289.22
608 WETLANDS PROTECTION					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-11,017.50	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	5,610.75	.00	.00	
59040 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	.00	.00	2,880.00	.00	
Total 608 WETLANDS PROTECTION	-11,017.50	5,610.75	2,880.00	.00	-13,748.25
609 FIRE PREVENTION GIFT ACCOUNT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-199.72	.00	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	110.00	.00	.00	
Total 609 FIRE PREVENTION GIFT ACCOUNT	-199.72	110.00	.00	.00	-309.72
610 FIRE-RESCUE GIFT ACCOUNT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-550.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total 610 FIRE-RESCUE GIFT ACCOUNT	-550.00	.00	.00	.00	-550.00
611 TOWN RENTAL PROPERTY					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,042.94	.00	.00	.00	
Total 611 TOWN RENTAL PROPERTY	-3,042.94	.00	.00	.00	-3,042.94
612 SILVER LAKE ADM FEE-CH 53 E1/2					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-2,873.07	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	7,886.35	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	-25.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	7,073.93	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	50.91	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	202.07	.00	
Total 612 SILVER LAKE ADM FEE-CH 53 E1/2	-2,873.07	7,861.35	7,326.91	.00	-3,407.51
613 COMPOST BINS-CHAP 53 E 1/2					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,636.00	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	378.00	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	2,772.00	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	3,968.00	.00	

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Total 613 COMPOST BINS-CHAP 53 E 1/2	-1,636.00	3,150.00	3,968.00	.00	-818.00
614 NECC GIFT ACCOUNT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,294.61	.00	.00	.00	
Total 614 NECC GIFT ACCOUNT	-3,294.61	.00	.00	.00	-3,294.61
615 CELTIC CORP GIFT ACCOUNT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-50.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total 615 CELTIC CORP GIFT ACCOUNT	-50.00	.00	.00	.00	-50.00
616 TOWN ENGINEER GIFT ACCOUNT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-46.62	.00	.00	.00	
Total 616 TOWN ENGINEER GIFT ACCOUNT	-46.62	.00	.00	.00	-46.62
617 RECREATION GIFT ACCOUNT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-20.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total 617 RECREATION GIFT ACCOUNT	-20.00	.00	.00	.00	-20.00
618 COA VAN GIFT ACCOUNT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,782.35	.00	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	586.50	.00	.00	
Total 618 COA VAN GIFT ACCOUNT	-1,782.35	586.50	.00	.00	-2,368.85
619 MEMORIAL DAY GIFT ACCOUNT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-406.02	.00	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	406.02	.00	
Total 619 MEMORIAL DAY GIFT ACCOUNT	-406.02	.00	406.02	.00	.00
620 POLICE-DARE GIFT ACCOUNT					
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	10,294.61	.00	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	150.00	.00	
Total 620 POLICE-DARE GIFT ACCOUNT	.00	10,294.61	150.00	.00	-10,144.61

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621 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT GIFT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,812.33	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	433.92	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,091.99	.00	
Total 621 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT GIFT	-1,812.33	433.92	1,091.99	.00	-1,154.26
622 100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK GIFT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-294.60	.00	.00	.00	
Total 622 100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK GIFT	-294.60	.00	.00	.00	-294.60
623 PARKS/MACY RECREATION GIFT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-497.52	.00	.00	.00	
Total 623 PARKS/MACY RECREATION GIFT	-497.52	.00	.00	.00	-497.52
624 GIRLS SOFTBALL FIELD GIFT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,250.00	.00	.00	.00	
54230 MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	1,250.00	.00	
Total 624 GIRLS SOFTBALL FIELD GIFT	-1,250.00	.00	1,250.00	.00	.00
625 POLICE K-9 GIFT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,367.07	.00	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	1,381.00	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	733.30	.00	
Total 625 POLICE K-9 GIFT	-1,367.07	1,381.00	733.30	.00	-2,014.77
626 SILVER LAKE PURCHASE					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-32,000.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total 626 SILVER LAKE PURCHASE	-32,000.00	.00	.00	.00	-32,000.00
627 SEWER GIFT ACCOUNT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,676.59	.00	.00	.00	
Total 627 SEWER GIFT ACCOUNT	-4,676.59	.00	.00	.00	-4,676.59
628 UPPER TOWN HALL GIFT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-535.89	.00	.00	.00	

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Total 628 UPPER TOWN HALL GIFT	-535.89	.00	.00	.00	-535.89
629 HAZARDOUS WASTE GIFT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-300.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total 629 HAZARDOUS WASTE GIFT	-300.00	.00	.00	.00	-300.00
630 ROY FAMILY GIFT ACCOUNT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,232.43	.00	.00	.00	
Total 630 ROY FAMILY GIFT ACCOUNT	-5,232.43	.00	.00	.00	-5,232.43
631 HISTORICAL COMMISSION GIFT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-776.62	.00	.00	.00	
Total 631 HISTORICAL COMMISSION GIFT	-776.62	.00	.00	.00	-776.62
632 LIBRARY-FINE REVOLVING CH53E					
42001 FEES	.00	3,901.36	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	3,692.12	.00	
Total 632 LIBRARY-FINE REVOLVING CH53E	.00	3,901.36	3,692.12	.00	-209.24
633 PARKS-SUMMER PROG CH 53E1/2					
42001 FEES	.00	1,363.71	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	1,343.72	.00	
Total 633 PARKS-SUMMER PROG CH 53E1/2	.00	1,363.71	1,343.72	.00	-19.99
634 COA-SOCIAL DAYCARE					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-303.50	.00	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	25,625.00	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	18,130.08	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,887.26	.00	
52500 DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	.00	.00	29.95	.00	
54090 OFFICE SUPPLIES	.00	.00	1,008.88	.00	
Total 634 COA-SOCIAL DAYCARE	-303.50	25,625.00	21,056.17	.00	-4,872.33
635 COA HALL RENTAL FEES					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-877.00	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	1,070.00	.00	.00	

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54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	864.99	.00	
Total 635 COA HALL RENTAL FEES	-877.00	1,070.00	864.99	.00	-1,082.01
636 NORMA ROGERS MEMORIAL GIFT					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-714.00	.00	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	451.00	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,100.00	.00	
Total 636 NORMA ROGERS MEMORIAL GIFT	-714.00	451.00	1,100.00	.00	-65.00
637 LIBRARY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-129.54	.00	.00	.00	
Total 637 LIBRARY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	-129.54	.00	.00	.00	-129.54
638 CEMETERY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-157.64	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	5.71	.00	.00	
Total 638 CEMETERY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	-157.64	5.71	.00	.00	-163.35
639 AMBULANCE-RECEIPTS RESERVED					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-57,993.29	.00	.00	.00	
42250 AMBULANCE RECEIPTS	.00	69,584.74	.00	.00	
Total 639 AMBULANCE-RECEIPTS RESERVED	-57,993.29	69,584.74	.00	.00	-127,578.03
641 POLICE EXCHANGE GIFT FUND					
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	150.00	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	150.00	.00	
Total 641 POLICE EXCHANGE GIFT FUND	.00	150.00	150.00	.00	.00
642 H S FOOTBALL FLD LIGHTS GIFT					
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	600.00	.00	.00	
Total 642 H S FOOTBALL FLD LIGHTS GIFT	.00	600.00	.00	.00	-600.00
644 BIKE PATROL GIFTS					
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	300.00	.00	.00	

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Total 644 BIKE PATROL GIFTS	.00	300.00	.00	.00	-300.00
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	-157,733.60	144,440.61	62,361.93	.00	-239,812.28

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702 STABILIZATION TRUST FUND					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-510,181.65	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	38,048.64	.00	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	500,000.00	.00	.00	
Total 702 STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	-510,181.65	538,048.64	.00	.00	-1,048,230.29
703 UNEMPLOYMENT INS TRUST FUND					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-87,690.88	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	4,453.35	.00	.00	
57040 MEDICAL CLAIMS/INSURANCE SERV	.00	.00	15,946.11	.00	
Total 703 UNEMPLOYMENT INS TRUST FUND	-87,690.88	4,453.35	15,946.11	.00	-76,198.12
704 WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-30,891.80	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	3,289.77	.00	.00	
48006 WORKERS COMP INSUR TR REIMB	.00	7,601.78	.00	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	225,000.00	.00	.00	
51900 WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION-SALARY	.00	.00	80,355.84	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	32,910.05	.00	
Total 704 WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	-30,891.80	235,891.55	113,265.89	.00	-153,517.46
705 MUNICIPAL BLDGS INS TRUST FUND					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-31,237.57	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	1,743.45	.00	.00	
Total 705 MUNICIPAL BLDGS INS TRUST FUND	-31,237.57	1,743.45	.00	.00	-32,981.02
752 CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,615.28	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	405.50	.00	.00	
51180 ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	.00	.00	249.72	.00	
Total 752 CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST	-5,615.28	405.50	249.72	.00	-5,771.06
753 WHITNEY LIBRARY TRUST					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-153.73	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	7.20	.00	.00	
Total 753 WHITNEY LIBRARY TRUST	-153.73	7.20	.00	.00	-160.93

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754 MABLE DRAKE LIBRARY TRUST					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-285.90	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	13.41	.00	.00	
Total 754 MABLE DRAKE LIBRARY TRUST	-285.90	13.41	.00	.00	-299.31
755 CONSERVATION TRUST FUND					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-10,121.08	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	1,332.05	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	40,000.00	.00	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	10,000.00	.00	.00	
Total 755 CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	-10,121.08	51,332.05	.00	.00	-61,453.13
756 RETIREMENT RESERVE TRUST FUND					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,694.97	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	262.03	.00	.00	
Total 756 RETIREMENT RESERVE TRUST FUND	-4,694.97	262.03	.00	.00	-4,957.00
757 E WHITNEY CEMETERY TRUST FUND					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-273.88	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	13.13	.00	.00	
Total 757 E WHITNEY CEMETERY TRUST FUND	-273.88	13.13	.00	.00	-287.01
758 ETTA METCALF CEMETERY TRUST FD					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-552.25	.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	26.46	.00	.00	
Total 758 ETTA METCALF CEMETERY TRUST FD	-552.25	26.46	.00	.00	-578.71
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	-681,698.99	832,196.77	129,461.72	.00	-1,384,434.04

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801 POLICE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	45,071.93	.00	.00	.00	
42150 POLICE-OUTSIDE DETAIL FEE	.00	124,266.36	.00	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	128,757.68	.00	
Total 801 POLICE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL	45,071.93	124,266.36	128,757.68	.00	49,563.25
802 CUSTODIAL, EXTRA WORK DETAIL					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-694.17	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	3,791.72	.00	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	4,011.12	.00	
Total 802 CUSTODIAL, EXTRA WORK DETAIL	-694.17	3,791.72	4,011.12	.00	-474.77
803 FIRE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-92.86	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	1,726.10	.00	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	1,000.00	.00	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	1,699.04	.00	
52900 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	.00	.00	46.92	.00	
Total 803 FIRE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL	-92.86	2,726.10	1,745.96	.00	-1,073.00
804 STATE LICENSES					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-318.85	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	3,228.50	.00	.00	
55001 AGENCY FEES REMITTED	.00	.00	4,647.25	.00	
Total 804 STATE LICENSES	-318.85	3,228.50	4,647.25	.00	1,099.90
806 LIBRARY, CUSTODIAL DETAIL					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3.96	.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	294.00	.00	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	163.42	.00	
Total 806 LIBRARY, CUSTODIAL DETAIL	-3.96	294.00	163.42	.00	-134.54
807 COA, HALL RENTAL FEES					
42001 FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total 807 COA, HALL RENTAL FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
808 BEECHWOOD ROAD					
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-22,327.46	.00	.00	.00	

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49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	11,270.54	.00	.00	
58600 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	6,385.32	.00	
Total 808 BEECHWOOD ROAD	-22,327.46	11,270.54	6,385.32	.00	-27,212.68
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	21,634.63	145,577.22	145,710.75	.00	21,768.16

LONG TERM DEBT

This report shows the total outstanding debt service, by issue, for the town.

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YTD Trial Balance
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Account Description	Beginning Balance	Debits	Credits	Ending Balance
970 ACCT GRP-LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS				
19960 AMOUNTS TO PROVIDE FOR BONDS	19,240,000.00	.00	1,730,000.00	17,510,000.00
29001 I-BDS PAY-FIRE STATION 1986	-255,000.00	40,000.00	.00	-215,000.00
29002 I-BDS-PAY-MUNICIPAL BLDGS 1986	-220,000.00	110,000.00	.00	-110,000.00
29003 I-BDS-PAY-LIBRARY 1989	-580,000.00	70,000.00	.00	-510,000.00
29004 I-BDS PAY-LIBRARY 1990	-675,000.00	95,000.00	.00	-580,000.00
29005 I-BDS PAY-FIRE STATION 1990	-250,000.00	70,000.00	.00	-180,000.00
29006 I-BDS PAY-PUBLIC ROADS 1990	-10,000.00	10,000.00	.00	.00
29007 I-BDS PAY-POLICE STATION 1991	-10,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-5,000.00
29008 I-BDS PAY-STALLBROOK ROOF 1994	-350,000.00	24,000.00	.00	-326,000.00
29009 I-BDS PAY-ATHLETIC FIELDS 1994	-50,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-45,000.00
29010 I-BDS PAY-PINECREST ROOF-1994	-390,000.00	20,000.00	.00	-370,000.00
29500 O-BDS PAY-PUMPING STATION 1986	-175,000.00	25,000.00	.00	-150,000.00
29501 O-BDS PAY WATER EQUIP 1986	-10,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-5,000.00
29502 O-BDS PAY-SEWER 1986	-735,000.00	105,000.00	.00	-630,000.00
29503 O-BDS PAY-SCHOOL 1989	-2,270,000.00	290,000.00	.00	-1,980,000.00
29504 O-BDS PAY-SEWER 1989	-580,000.00	70,000.00	.00	-510,000.00
29505 O-BDS PAY-WATER FACILITY 1990	-60,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-55,000.00
29506 O-BDS PAY-WELL 1990	-50,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-45,000.00
29507 O-BDS PAY-SCHOOL 1990	-1,810,000.00	155,000.00	.00	-1,655,000.00
29508 O-BDS PAY-WATER FACILITIY	-1,530,000.00	90,000.00	.00	-1,440,000.00
29509 O-BDS PAY-WATER MAIN 1991	-95,000.00	10,000.00	.00	-85,000.00
29510 O-BDS PAY-WELL 1991	-60,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-55,000.00
29511 O-BDS PAY-WELL 1991	-90,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-85,000.00
29512 O-BDS PAY-SEWER 1991	-3,675,000.00	215,000.00	.00	-3,460,000.00
29513 O-BDS PAY-SEWER 1994	-4,600,000.00	225,000.00	.00	-4,375,000.00
29514 O-BDS PAY-CORROSION CNTRL 1994	-350,000.00	35,000.00	.00	-315,000.00
29515 O-BDS PAY-WELL/ENG. 1994	-180,000.00	18,000.00	.00	-162,000.00
29516 O-BDS PAY-STANDPIPE REHAB 1994	-180,000.00	18,000.00	.00	-162,000.00
37000 BONDS AUTHORIZED/UNISSUED MEMO	-3,761,400.00	1,699,019.05	2,468,038.10	-4,530,419.05
37001 BDS AUTH-MACY ROOF/REPAIR 1996	436,400.00	.00	.00	436,400.00
37002 BDS AUTH-WELL CONSTRUCT. 1996	810,000.00	.00	.00	810,000.00
37003 BDS AUTH-CORROSION CTRL 1996	280,000.00	.00	280,000.00	.00
37004 BDS AUTH-FIRE PUMPER 1996	185,000.00	.00	185,000.00	.00
37005 BDS AUTH-REMEDIED SWR 1996	250,000.00	.00	.00	250,000.00
37006 BDS AUTH-LANDFILL CONST-1995	1,800,000.00	.00	.00	1,800,000.00
37007 4 RM MOD CLASSROOM (1997)\$400K	.00	800,000.00	400,000.00	400,000.00
37008 BALLFIELD LIGHTS (1997) \$60K	.00	120,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
37009 PLAYING FIELDS (1997) \$100K	.00	200,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
37010 LADDER TRUCK (1997) \$405K	.00	810,000.00	405,000.00	405,000.00
37011 SCHOOL COMPUTER LEASE (1997)	.00	454,038.10	227,019.05	227,019.05
37012 ADDITIONAL WELL/LAND (1997)42K	.00	84,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
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TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: James D Caddick, Chairperson
RE: Annual Report of the Finance Committee

It was another good financial year for the town of Bellingham, due to the concerted efforts of the Town Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer and the new Superintendent of Schools.

With aggressive work in the Finance Offices, Bellingham again had Free Cash available in order to fund many important capital needs, including the final funding for the Town Common.

The Finance Committee proposed and Town Meeting passed Bylaws protecting access to public information and the time required to hold public hearings on the budget.

As we begin the process for the Fiscal 1998 budget, we look forward to continued good communications amongst all town departments to facilitate the budget process.

The Finance Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have spent many long hours preparing for the 1996 Annual Town Meetings and the development of the Fiscal 1997 budget.

Respectfully submitted,
james d caddick, chairperson
Cheryl A. Gray, Vice-Chairperson
Toni A. Picariello, Secretary
Sharon M. Bryant
Carla J. Doyle
Michael T. Carney
Henri J. Masson
Gary E. Maynard
Howard C. Quimby
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COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL TOWN REPORT - 1996

It is a pleasure as the Bellingham Senior Center Director to submit the Council on Aging annual report for 1996.

The Senior Center is open five days a week from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. We have senior citizens and handicapped van transportation available five days a week for medical appointments, shopping, transportation to the senior center, and other miscellaneous trips. We have two part-time drivers available. Our drivers do an average of 400 round trips a month.

We have approximately 525 persons who frequent the senior center each month.

One major accomplishment filled at the senior center was having a lovely sign installed in front of our building signifying who we are and where we are located. Also, we have changed the color of our building from black and white to white with blue shutters. A nice change.

Our monthly newsletter, "The Spirit of Bellingham" is mailed to 1300 senior households with all kinds of interesting information pertaining to senior activities, as well as vital material on the state level.

This year, the Council on Aging received a formula grant in the amount of \$5964 to be used for newsletter postage, mileage expenses, utilities, office/site maintenance, dues and conference/meeting attendance, foreign language assistance, and to purchase tables for the senior center.

In October, the COA also applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$2500 to purchase a new computer system for the office.

Fuel assistance applications are taken at the center from November to the last day of March of the following year. All one has to do is call the center for an appointment. Income tax assistance is also available thru AARP in the month of February for those who wish to take advantage of this free service. Please call the senior center at 966-0398 for a schedule of appointment times.

Many services are available to the senior citizens as well as regular day to day activities. Vital signs (blood pressure clinics) sponsored by the Milford VNA are held periodically here at the Center, as well as Depot Court and Wrentham Manor. Influenza clinics are also held in the months of October and November at the above places. Different speakers on health issues come to the center for presentations almost on a monthly basis. George Munger, COA Chairman is available on Thursday mornings for those who have questions with health insurance, etc. Our friendly visitor, Nancy Delfino is always busy visiting old and new shut-ins. Jane Alen, our out reach worker telephones other shut-ins checking to see if they are in need of any services.

We are pleased to announce that our Elderly Social Day-Care Program is operating five days a week and is filled to capacity. The Day Care Program provides socialization and supervised activities for the clients. It is a non-profit program which can be privately paid by the clients, or is sometimes subsidized by Tri-Valley Elder Services, if the person is eligible.

The COA is grateful to the Bellingham Elder Service Group, John LaValley President, which organizes fundraisers and helps the needy in Town and financially comes to the aid of the seniors and the Center when needed.

We also would like to thank all those who volunteer in any capacity during the course of the year, especially the volunteer drivers who deliver meals-on-wheels to our shut-ins. Without volunteers, a senior center could not function in its full capacity. Thanks to all of you.

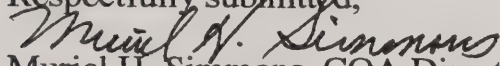
My personal "thank you" to my office staff for jobs well done; Marguerite Boucher, and Jane Alen. Van drivers, Richard Carlin, Warren Pareseau and John Drew. Our friendly visitor, Nancy Delfino. The employees in Social Day Care, Pamela Hawley, Aline Wiard, Irene Zajac and Laurette Plouffe. Our maintenance man, Ed Armstrong.

Last, but not least, my gratitude to the Council on Aging Board members who have been so supportive of me. I would be remissed if I did not mention our Town Administrator, Denis Fraine and the Board of Selectmen for also supporting the senior citizens of Bellingham.

Present Council on Aging Board members are: George Munger, President; Raymond Boutiette, Vice President; Mary Peluso, Treasurer; Eleanor Lawless, Secretary. Members at large are; Jennie and Bill Monteiro, Norman Gibeault, Mildred Gorman, Jack Fisher, Katherine Detore and Laurette Plouffe.

The Council on Aging, its Director, and staff will continue to work diligently for the welfare of all the senior citizens of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Muriel H. Simmons".

Muriel H. Simmons, COA Director



BELLINGHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL -- ANNUAL REPORT

The Bellingham Cultural Council had a very productive year, having awarded grants totaling \$10,328 which included the Fiscal 1996 state allotment for Bellingham, \$9,776, and \$552 in local unused funds. Of that amount, \$469 was earmarked for administrative expenses and \$2,100 for the Performing Arts Student Series (P.A.S.S.), leaving \$7,769 available to the public and for BCC art-related projects.

We funded school projects that consisted of science outreach programs, a dance residency, ethnic cultural programs, masks, puppets, and a gravestone restoration project. Cultural Council projects included the annual visual arts competitions, a scholarship to a graduating senior, outdoor entertainment for Bellingham Pride Day and Concerts on the Grass, and the Arts Center.

P.A.S.S. funds were used to help with school trips to various museums, theaters and living history sites.

The Bellingham Arts Center began its year with its new director, Linda F. Trudeau, and highly successful programs were run in the spring, summer and fall. More than 37 classes were offered in a wide variety of art subjects to a multitude of participants ranging in age from preschoolers to senior citizens. The Center, located in the old North School building on Hartford Avenue, was open mornings, afternoons and evenings several days a week to accommodate the numerous sessions of popular enrichment courses.

The Bellingham Cultural Council prides itself on having some of the most talented and established local and area artists as instructors in its Arts Center programs.

During the year, an art exhibition, complete with buffet dinner, was held for students, their families and friends, and a Holiday Bazaar was held to benefit the Arts Center's endeavors. Due to prohibitive heating costs during the winter months, Mrs. Trudeau secured the use of the Lyndon F. Murray Memorial building for the new 1997 winter classes and looked forward to expanding the music appreciation program and adding an adult theater group to the list of offerings.

During the course of the year art students and teenagers from the high school provided more than 25 hours of community service by participating in the painting of murals in the preschool section of the Arts Center.

In addition to funds raised by nominal tuition charges to participants, the programs costs were subsidized by a \$200 donation from the Bellingham Lions Club and large quantities of art supplies and materials from Ben Franklin Crafts in Woonsocket, and more than \$2,000 worth of paint supplied by the Woonsocket Sears store.[ql

The Cultural Council's exhibition year began in January with oil-colored black and white photographs by Beverly Snow of Framingham, entitled "From Kenloch to Brighton Road," a collection of works that included interiors and artifacts that evoked pleasant memories of grandma's house and childhood games.

"The Eclectic Side" in February showcased works from the director and instructors from the Arts Center's previous fall pilot program. Artists represented were Barbara Hass of Brockton, Elaina O'Brien of Melrose, Mary Lane of Ashland, Eskay Sriram and Emily McHugh, both of North Attleboro; Sherry McGinnis and Muriel L. Henault Locklin of Bellingham, and pilot director Elle Randall of Holliston.[ql

The March exhibit featured the paintings and crafts of Ann Polny Kogut of Bellingham who died Nov. 30, 1995 at 81. Mrs. Kogut was an active member of the Cultural Council and the Bellingham Quilters. A noted photographer, painter and quilter, she had won many awards in her lifetime.

The Bellingham Quilters' Annual Exhibition opened in April. Of special interest was a 50th Anniversary Album Quilt made by Jeanne Mourey for her husband's parents. First prize winners of the popular choice vote were Gladys Ustinowich for a bed-size quilt, LuLinda Tucker for a wallhanging, and Elizabeth Cronin for her ribbon vest.

The Cultural Council's third Annual Art Competition was featured in June with 27 artists showing a beautiful assortment of 72 works of art and various crafts.

Best of Show was awarded to Ray Andreotti of Hopedale for a watercolor. First prizes went to Bellingham's Scott Holloway in the oils/acrylics category; Aivars Zandbergs of Franklin, watercolor; Sandra Jo Myatt of Norfolk, graphics; and George Munger of Bellingham, crafts.

The new Youth Division drew 23 entries from 10 children. Patrick Markan of Franklin won first place in the 6-12-year-old division, and Christian Griswold of Bellingham in the 13-17-year-old division.

The annual art and photo competitions are made possible through grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The Art Competition was judged by Hope Riciardi of Franklin, art director of the Pinecroft School in Norton and set designer of the Franklin School for the Performing Arts. The children's exhibit was judged by Constance Peter, head of children's services at the Bellingham Public Library.

The Council opened the fall scene with its annual Competitive Photography Show in October. Topping last year's 95 entries, 45 photographers submitted 146 works in color and black and white, with many newcomers. The photos were judged by Paul Vicario of Vicario Studios in Franklin.

Best of Show went to Francia Moore of Westboro, who also won in the Best of Informal Portraits. Other winners were Joanne Humphrey of Bellingham. Best Floral; Kristin Cioffi of Millis, Best Architecture. First prize in color went to Shelagh M. Woronicz of Bellingham, and first in black and white went to Kenneth Wiedemann of Franklin.

The year closed in December with a display by Linda Trudeau of works by the students at the Arts Center. All exhibits are held in the Bellingham Public Library's Community Room and are open to the public. The exhibits are selected and curated by Muriel L. Henault Locklin at 923 South Main St. If anyone would like to be an exhibitor or who has an idea for a show may contact her at 883-9790.

The Cultural Council welcomed two new members this year, Kenneth and Nancy Wildes, and said goodbye to Robert Higgins, whose six-year term expired. Robert St. Gelais was named chairman. and former member Rolande Gentes, whose six-year term was completed, remains with us as an adviser and secretary. Other members are Richard Bileau, Muriel Henault Locklin, Myrna Simonson and Ernest Taft. Former member Rolande Gentes, whose six-year term was completed, remains with us as an adviser and secretary.

The Council's former chairperson, Susan M. Romiti, resigned her post and went on to a prestigious employment opportunity with the Massachusetts Cultural Council in Boston, where she shares her talents with many councils.

Our sincere thanks to Town Administrator Denis C. Fraine for including the Cultural Council in the annual budget, to the Finance Committee for giving their stamp of approval, and to the voters who supported the article, and all those who support our efforts to provide artistic enrichment to the residents of Bellingham.

This report, a collaborative effort, is respectfully submitted by Robert St. Gelais, Chairman; Muriel L. Henault Locklin, Curator of Exhibits; Myrna F. Simonson, Treasurer; and Linda F. Trudeau, Arts Center Director.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

Fire Department

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REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERMANENT PERSONNEL

Fire Chief- Richard Ranieri *
Lieutenant- Andre Genereux *md

PRIVATEES

Thomas Guerin *md, Ernest Hadley *, Richard Marcoux *md, Joseph Deslauriers *md, Michael Delorme *md, Joseph Robidoux *md, Michael Marcet *md, Christopher Mach *d, Steven Gentile *md, Joseph Altomonte *md, Gary Fafard *md, Eric Provost *m

CALL PERSONNEL

Lt. Paul Bokoski *d

Lt. William Borkowski

Lt. Walter Power, Jr.

Edward Armstrong
Blair Belcher
James Fleury
Kevin Haley *m
Kevin Yeaton *m

Jane Malo *md
Chris Milot *m
Robert Harpin
Joseph Manning *md
William Bennett *m

James Prophet *m
Eugene Desroches
William Slaney *md
Mary Slaney *md
Mark Lamoreaux

* denotes Nationally and/or Mass. Registered E.M.T.
m denotes MAST certified
d denotes defibrillator certified

Fire Department Activity

The fire department responded to 22 building fires; 23 household appliance fires; 43 box alarms; 70 vehicle assistance calls; 253 investigations; 33 outside fires; 86 details; gave mutual aid to Franklin-3; and Mendon-1 and received mutual aid from Franklin-4; Blackstone-3; and Milford-1. Rescue calls were 1,340.

Total calls for 1996 were 2,400 compared to 2,136 for 1995; 1,850 for 1994; 1,917 in 1993; 1,758 in 1992; and 1,648 in 1991. The department issued after inspections 518 permits. The total is inclusive of these.

Building fires were broken down as follows: 11 house; 7 chimney fires; 2 commercial buildings; 1 restaurant; and 1 storage building. The causes of the above fires were as follows: Heating devices-7 (this includes fires caused by woodstoves, fireplaces, chimneys, etc.); electrical-7; unattended cooking-3; careless use of candles-2; careless disposal of woodstove ashes-1; careless disposal of smoking materials-1; suspicious-1.

Box Alarms were broken down as follows: accidental/malfunction-42; malicious false-1.

Appliance fires were broken down as follows: heating systems-8; stove/oven-6; washing machine motors-3; gas grille-1; television-1; refrigerator motor-1; hair dryer-1; vacuum motor-1; and dryer-1.

Vehicle assistance calls were broken down as follows: fuel spills-28; car fires-22; Life Flight-9; Mva assist-4; truck fires-4; jaws of life-2; rescue boat assist-1.

Rescue calls were broken down as follows: 580 home emergencies; 352 motor vehicle accidents; 101 miscellaneous; and 307 mutual aid. (TO: Franklin-149; Medway-8; Blackstone-2; and Woonsocket-1. FROM: Franklin-72; Blackstone-37; Medway-23; Woonsocket-12; Wrentham-2; and Millis-

Inspections and Permits

Lt. Genereux supervised inspection duties. Inspections were made of businesses and where needed corrections were recommended. The workload for plan reviews, inspections and permits continues to be very time consuming. Numerous plans were reviewed by the Chief and Lieutenant and inspections were made for final occupancy. There were permits issued as follows: fuel oil storage-79; smoke detectors in homes prior to resale(Ch.148 sec 26F)-211; smoke detector in new construction-67; storage of propane gas-60; blasting-13; install and/or modify fire suppression system-19; install fire alarm system-14; remove tanks-13; store flammable and combustible liquids-9; welding-9; install tanks-2; store gunpowder-2; maintain trash receptacles-2; service station modification-1;

In addition to the above permits 971 open burning permits were issued. It is a proven fact that the inspections of businesses throughout the year by fire personnel has helped keep the incidents of fire in those establishments to a minimum. All local businesses are to be commended for their cooperation in trying to make their places of business violation free for the safety of their employees, patrons and themselves.

Fire Prevention, Public Safety and Education

All schools were inspected and the required four fire drills were held. Through the financial assistance of a Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) grant a Fire Safety House was brought to the elementary schools during the year. The program was run by all the firefighters under the direction and co-ordination of Firefighter Michael Marcet. A similar grant was applied for by Chief Ranieri for FY 97 and the funds will be used to train a firefighter to present more in depth programs at the schools.

The Chief wishes to caution all residents with woodstoves and other solid fuel heating devices that the maintenance and periodic cleaning of these and other heating devices is critical. Residents are also cautioned against placing hot ashes into combustible containers as well as placing combustibles too close to hot surfaces.

The Chief wishes to remind residents that the use of unvented kerosene space heaters is a violation of the state fire regulations and the Mass. General Laws.

The Chief wishes to remind residents that fire personnel are available to speak at meetings of various social and professional groups. To obtain a speaker, call the fire station at 966-1111 several weeks in advance of the desired date to make arrangements with the Chief.

Vehicles, Personnel and Training

This year the Town replaced the 1948 American LaFrance Aerial Ladder which did not pass the annual test certification. The new 110' Aerial Ladder which was put into service in July is a complement to the pumpers which are currently in good shape. The ladder has been used at several major building fires since it was put into service.

Personnel received training in CPR recertification and defibrillator certification. A class entitled "Protective Breathing Search and Rescue" was held and instructed by the Mass. Fire-fighting Academy instructors. This course allowed the personnel to practice the skills in a trailer maze especially constructed for the purpose. Other training took place for the implementation of Fire Server software for the computerization of the department records. A special thanks to Lt. Genereux and firefighter Michael Delorme in this effort. The department activity will go on line effective 1/1/97 for all reporting.

An Ice Rescue class was held for all members under the direction of Firefighter Chris Milot. The students were allowed to practice with the equipment and polish their skills.

Buildings

As has been mentioned in past years reports consideration needs to be given to begin the process of replacing the two outlying stations. With the new apparatus of today's standards the other stations are inferior in size and function. Also with the recent development of the commercial projects in North Bellingham it appears for access and response feasibility that station may need to be replaced first. Improvements were made in the short term to the North Fire station this year by replacing the non-insulated doors and windows with more modern cost-efficient devices. This will hopefully result in a cost savings for heating of the station.

Other

Firefighter Eric Provost became full-time in July. The Town also voted to establish a full-time Deputy Chief position effective in January 1997. Firefighter Thomas Guerin will begin that role which will assist the Chief and Lieutenant with the many areas that need to be faced with a growing Town and department.

The department turned in the sum of \$163,106.73 to the Town Treasurer for 1996. The amount is broken down as follows: Smoke detector fees(new construction)-\$785.00; smoke detector fees(re-sale)-\$2,120.00; install fire alarm systems-\$300.00; reinspection fees-\$195.00; oil burner fees-\$810.00; restitution-\$53.30; remove underground tanks-\$120.00; fire reports-\$110.00; propane storage-\$640.00; 21E site assessments-\$270.00; rescue reports-\$145.00; FP290-\$30.00; tank truck inspections-\$180.00; restitution illegal burning-\$164.65; install fire suppression systems-\$975.00; fire department miscellaneous-\$2,829.38; blasting permits-\$130.00; burning permits-\$4,190.00; gunpowder permits-\$20.00; fire department gifts-\$100.00; outside fire details-\$996.23; insurance recovery proceeds-\$276.00; sale of inventory(old ladder)\$1,700.00; welding permits-\$90.00; fire suppression removal-\$50.00; remove oil tank-\$10.00; install underground tank-\$10.00; ambulance receipts-\$145,807.17

Emergency calls increased by 269 calls from 1995. Permits and inspections remained constant. I am also happy to report that there were no fire fatalities for 1996.

The Chief urges residents to install, maintain, and periodically test smoke detectors. It has been proven time and time again that the early warning provided by smoke detectors helps in allowing occupants time to escape. It also results in earlier notification of the fire and helps in reducing fire damage.

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Denis Fraine, other Town departments and Boards for their assistance. Particular appreciation goes to the firefighters, both permanent and call, for their dedication and cooperation in my effort to better serve the citizens of Bellingham.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, RICHARD F. RANIERI, CHIEF

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This year has been a very active and interesting year for the Historical Commission and museum. We meet the first Monday of each month with the exception of the summer months. We are happy to report that at virtually every meeting there has been a 100% turnout of the commission members. The museum is open to the public every Sunday from April through December. Many local citizens have toured the museum. We have had visitors from as far away as Nevada, Alaska and Russia. We now have a telephone which has given us greater flexibility in assisting the public in genealogical and historical research. The publication of the Crimpville Comments continues on a quarterly basis. The Town pays for two issues and private donations pay for the other two issues.

We would like to thank the following people for their assistance: Ralph Moore for cleaning up our backyard, Roland Arcand and the summer help for painting the historical building, and Roland Laprade for the building's exterior wood restoration. The Highway Department has attempted to assist us with a flooding problem in the basement. For the most part, that problem has been alleviated. We would like to personally thank Denis Fraine for his continued assistance throughout the year especially by making available to us, through the senior tax exemption program, a person to assist us in many ongoing projects.

Some of the events that we have participated in throughout the year are the following: The Corbett Family reunion, Bellingham Days, presentation of our Town flag to Senator Richard Moore for the 'Hall of Flags' at the State House, and the continuing afghan sales to assist the Friends of Music, Friends of the Library and Friends of History.

This year's Historical Appreciation Award went to Helen Dufresne. Helen has assisted us in many ways, especially by hitting the numerous local weekend yardsales in her continuing search for Bellingham memorabilia. Helen has also added greatly by helping to locate old Bellingham postcards.

Thanks to the Bellingham Cultural Council for awarding us a grant for a partial restoration of damaged cemetery stones at the North Bellingham Cemetery. We are also in contact with representatives of the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and have assisted them with informational research. We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support and assistance to the Historical Commission, especially in the appointment of a committee for Bellingham to be included in the Blackstone River Valley Corridor. Muriel Locklin has been appointed to represent the Historical Commission on both the Corridor Commission and on the Town Planning Council. Ernest Taft is representing the Historical Commission for input on the Town Common Committee.

Katherine Smith has been working with our newly donated computer. We have finally been able to put together a workable program for our building inventory. As to date,

over the past seven years, 1,042 items of Bellingham memorabilia have been donated to the people of Bellingham and entrusted to the Historical Commission. We also have identified 180 historical sites throughout the Town. These sites are now a matter of public record, and in 1997, they will be recorded with the State of Massachusetts on the state historical inventory list.

Thanks to the citizens of Bellingham for their continued support. Every member of the Bellingham Historical Commission takes pride in our endeavor to promote and preserve our rich history so that the generations of tomorrow may remember their past.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest A. Taft, Chairman
Elizabeth T. Andrews, Vice Chairman
Katherine M. Smith, Secretary
Florence M. McCracken
Rita J. Sawyer
Muriel Henault-Locklin
Mary E. Nicholson
Fran Donovan, Consultant

BELLINGHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

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REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

The Bellingham Housing Authority was organized in January, 1966. It's powers, duties and responsibilities are defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 121-B, of the Commonwealth. The objective of the Bellingham Housing Authority is to provide housing opportunities for persons of low income.

The Board of Commissioners is a five member board. Four of the Commissioners are elected to serve for a period of five (5) years, and one member is appointed by the State's Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The Board meets monthly. All regular and special meetings of the Authority are properly posted in advance, in accordance with Mass. General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 23, the Open Meeting Law..

The Authority manages and administers three (3) State Housing Programs and one (1) HUD Federal Rental Assistance Program (Section 8 Certificate Program) and a multi-project State Modernization Grant Award Program.

Under the State's Chapter 667 and 705 programs, the Authority owns and manages 122 units of housing for elderly/handicapped individuals and families. The Depot Court complex, built in 1969, consists of 64 one bedroom units and is located in Bellingham Center, on Depot Street. Wrentham Manor, built in 1975, consists of 56 one bedroom units, and is located in South Bellingham, on Wrentham Road. The Authority had an annual operating budget of \$317,946.00, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996.

The Authority administers the State's Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP), a State-aided rental assistance program for families in need of, from one to four bedroom units. The vouchers are both project-based and scattered site. A total of 25 vouchers are currently being administered in the Community through the Housing Authority.

Through a contract with the U.S. Department of HUD, the Authority continues to administer the Federal Section 8 Rental Assistance Program for income-eligible families.

The Authority continues to be an active participant in the Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Legal Pilot Program. The program provides the expertise of an attorney to handle all legal issues pertaining to the Bellingham Housing Authority and public housing, in general. The Authority also continues to participate in the Social Services Coordinator's Pilot Program. This program provides the expertise of a licensed Social Worker to help our residents navigate through the human services network. Both programs are sponsored and fully-funded by the State of Massachusetts. A great deal of data has been gathered through these programs, and the hope is that they will continue to be funded.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Welfare, has a new program called the Transitional Assistance Program, for eligible AFDC recipients. The Bellingham Housing Authority serves as a site for training and development for persons interested in learning the duties and responsibilities of the maintenance and clerical functions of public housing.

Current projects, recently completed under the State's Modernization Grant Program include:

- * Americans with Disabilities Compliance (ADA) renovations to the Community Building at the Depot Court Elderly Housing Complex.
- * Replacement of a failed septic system, also at the Depot Court complex.

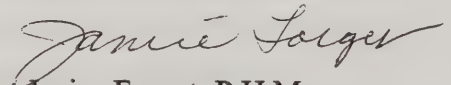
The Authority anticipates a date of Spring, 1997, to go out to bid for still another grant-funded project:

- * Pavement and drainage repairs and replacement at the Wrentham Manor complex. This project will substantially increase the number of parking spaces, both handicapped and non-handicapped, at this site.

Staff at the Bellingham Housing Authority include an Executive Director, 32 - 35 hours per week, and two full-time Maintenance employees. The Authority also has a part-time Secretary/Housing Coordinator, 20 hours per week.

The Bellingham Housing Authority will continue to assist low income individuals in their housing needs. It will also continue to participate in innovative programs and pilot projects, and will seek all sources of available funding for modernization and capital improvements.

Respectfully submitted,


Janice Forget, P.H.M.
Executive Director

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING YEAR

The Bellingham Housing Authority will continue to assist low income individuals to obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing. It will seek all sources of available funding to increase opportunities for affordable housing for income eligible residents of the community.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Bellingham Housing Authority meets regularly on a monthly basis. All regular meetings are properly posted in advance, in accordance with Mass General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 23, the Open Meeting Law.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR EACH HOUSING PROGRAM

In determining eligibility for each housing program, the Bellingham Housing Authority follows the guidelines set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under 760 CMR.

ROSTER OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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	Bellingham, MA 02019		
Vice-Chairperson	Billiegene Lavallee	883-1483	January 3, 1999
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Member: Secretary	Elizabeth Lowry	883-6796	May 2001
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Member: Assistant Treasurer	Toni A. Picariello	966-2764	May 1997
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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
6 MECHANIC STREET
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019
966-5821

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and Citizens of Bellingham:

The following permits were issued for 1996, with the estimated cost of the completed construction itemized:

RESIDENTIAL

65	Single-Family Dwelling	\$5,198,407.
69	Additions	\$ 584,074.
116	Accessories	\$ 333,498.
148	Remodel/Repair/Renovations	\$ 671,373.
2	Demolitions	
57	Occupancies	
20	Home Occupations (Business operated out of residence)	
1	Temporary Trailers	\$

COMMERCIAL

9	New Buildings	\$2,342,928.
6	Additions	\$ 904,400.
12	Alterations	\$ 437,170.
14	Remodel/Repair/Renovations	\$3,556,400.
29	Signs	\$ 76,630.
2	Demolition	
13	Occupancies	
144	Certificate of Inspections	

INDUSTRIAL

1	New Building	\$ 8,000.
1	Alterations	\$ 10,000.

An estimated total of the fees collected for these permits was \$ 105,595.94

OFFICAL NOTIFICATION

Building Code Violations	1
Zoning Violations	3
Construction without Permit	3
Permit Revoked	1
Cease and Desist	2

GRAVEL OPERATIONS

The following gravel operations were inspected for compliance:

The Fafard Companies
Varney Brothers, Inc.
Rosenfeld
Vadnais
Silver Lake Realty

Monthly census reports were sent to the United States Government Department of Commerce. Reports for permits issued and fees collected are sent monthly to the Town Treasurer's and Assessors' Offices.

The Building Department is open Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Friday 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Monday night 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, for all building, electrical, plumbing and gas permits.

Respectfully submitted,



Stuart S. LeClaire
Building Commissioner

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

BELLINGHAM TOWN REPORT

1996

MAPC's list of activities and accomplishments for 1996 is a long and varied one. The agency is completing one of its most productive years with both staff and council members continuing to work hard to keep up with the opportunities and challenges as they are presented.

Perhaps the single most notable achievement in 1996 was the successful restructuring of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The MPO which has been composed of six agencies (four state agencies plus the MBTA Advisory Board and MAPC) is responsible for allocating financial resources from the federal government to various transportation projects in the metropolitan region. MAPC has argued for years that the organization needed to be changed in order to have better representation by local communities. When a 1995 federal review of the organization found substantial deficiencies in the existing process, the agency played a major leadership role in working with the other five MPO members to design the new organization. In addition to the existing members, the new MPO will include the city of Boston, the Turnpike Authority and three cities and three towns. The new agreement also provides that at least \$40,000,000 will be made available for local highway projects in the MAPC region. The community representatives to the MPO will have the decision-making power for how that money is to be spent.

Elections to fill the six new community positions will take place in early 1997 at a MAPC Council meeting. Candidates must obtain the nomination of the CEOs from five communities to be on the ballot. With the exception of the Inner Core subregion, no subregion may have more than one community on the MPO. Local communities now have a voice and a vote in this important transportation process.

MAPC's GIS Lab has continued to grow and provide new services to its communities. The staff conducted a series of eight workshops on GIS data automation. The focus of the workshops was on assessor map automation. In addition to working on defining policy areas for MetroPlan 2000, the staff is also putting together a map of existing and potential bike paths throughout the MAPC region.

The agency continues to produce the Planner's Exchange series. This year there were two reports: "Community Reuses of Failed Septic Systems" and "Development Guides."

Among the several hundred meetings that the agency sponsors each year, there were several of particular note. MAPC brought in a noted national authority on Transit Oriented Development (TOD). As a result of that meeting, the agency has formed a TOD advisory committee that will be working to encourage more concentrated development throughout the region. Another of these special meetings was an informational session on the Governor's Executive Order 384 which provided for the sunseting of state regulations after a review process to determine which regulations were determined to be outdated or obsolete.

The agency continued its affiliation with the Challenge to Leadership program. This program sponsors a forum every fall for business, educational, religious, labor and government leaders to explore civic issues. The forum for this year was "Youth and Jobs in the 21st Century: Is Massachusetts Ready for the New Millennium?"

Another in the series of MAPC sponsored Community Dialogues was presented. The focus was also on job training. MIT, UMass, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and Boston Edison were partners with the agency for this event.

MAPC's efforts in the legislative arena continued to be productive. Many of the agency's priority legislation were passed into law. The agency also continued to work with the Massachusetts Audubon Society to draft legislation which will serve to coordinate and streamline the participation of federal, state, regional and municipal agencies in a statewide land information system institution utilizing Geographic Information Systems (GIS). On the federal level MAPC began working with other organizations across the country on the process of reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

Planning continues on the Inner Circumferential Project and the North and South Rail Link. MAPC is active in both of these projects. The agency also continues to expand its help to communities on a diversity of transportation projects such as the Enhancement Grant Program and Transportation Demand Management Grant Program.

The eight subregions of the agency also continued working on their numerous projects. Several documents were produced this year as part of the Subregional Special Project program. Among those reports of region wide interest are: "The MAPC Grant Source," "Revitalizing Inner Core Commercial Areas and Squares" and "Environmental Tourism Strategies for the North Shore." Copies of these reports are available at the agency.

The 11 member communities of the SouthWest Area Planning Group (SWAP) had a busy year, the highlight of which was being awarded a grant to conduct a feasibility study on economic tourism opportunities in the Upper Charles Trail area. The grant was given by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. The group held its annual legislative breakfast to discuss issues of concern with their local state legislators. They also completed special GIS zoning and land use maps of the region along with a third map that illustrated the conflicts between the existing use and planned (zoned) use for the land. Additionally, the group reviewed a number of transportation issues throughout the year such as the TIP, the Regional Transportation Plan and a new bicycle plans for the region.

MAPC staff reviewed the town's grant application for open space funding.



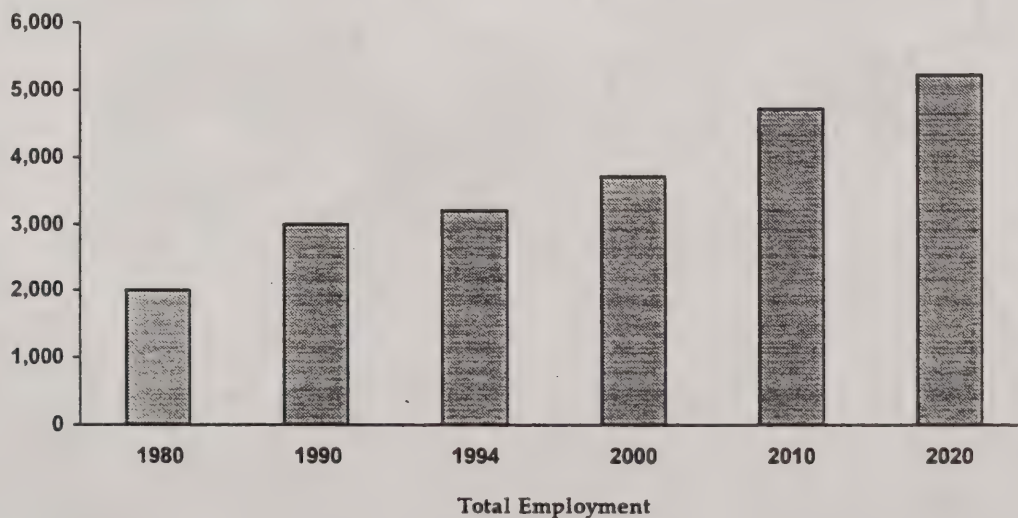
BELLINGHAM

EMPLOYMENT FORECAST

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
BELLINGHAM	2,000	3,000	3,700	4,700	5,200
SWAP SUBREGION*	27,200	40,900	49,400	57,800	63,400
MAPC REGION	1,555,100	1,716,700	1,737,900	1,857,400	1,967,900

PERCENT CHANGE

	1980-1990	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2020	1990-2020
BELLINGHAM	50.00	23.33	27.03	10.64	73.33
SWAP SUBREGION*	50.37	20.78	17.00	9.69	55.01
MAPC REGION	10.39	1.23	6.88	5.95	14.63

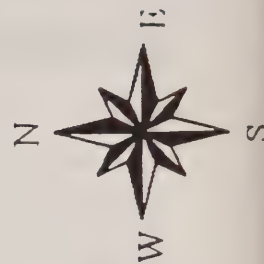
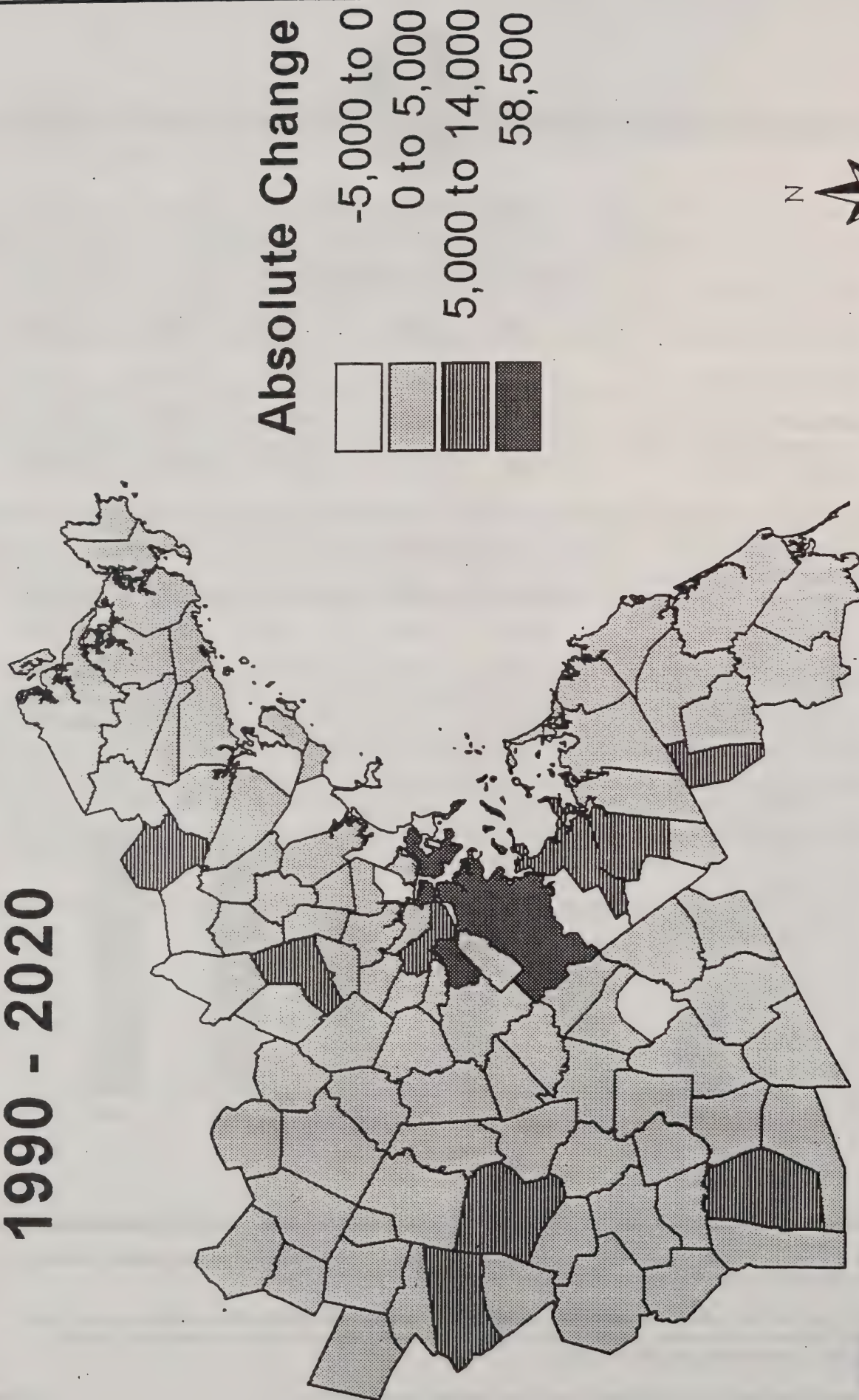


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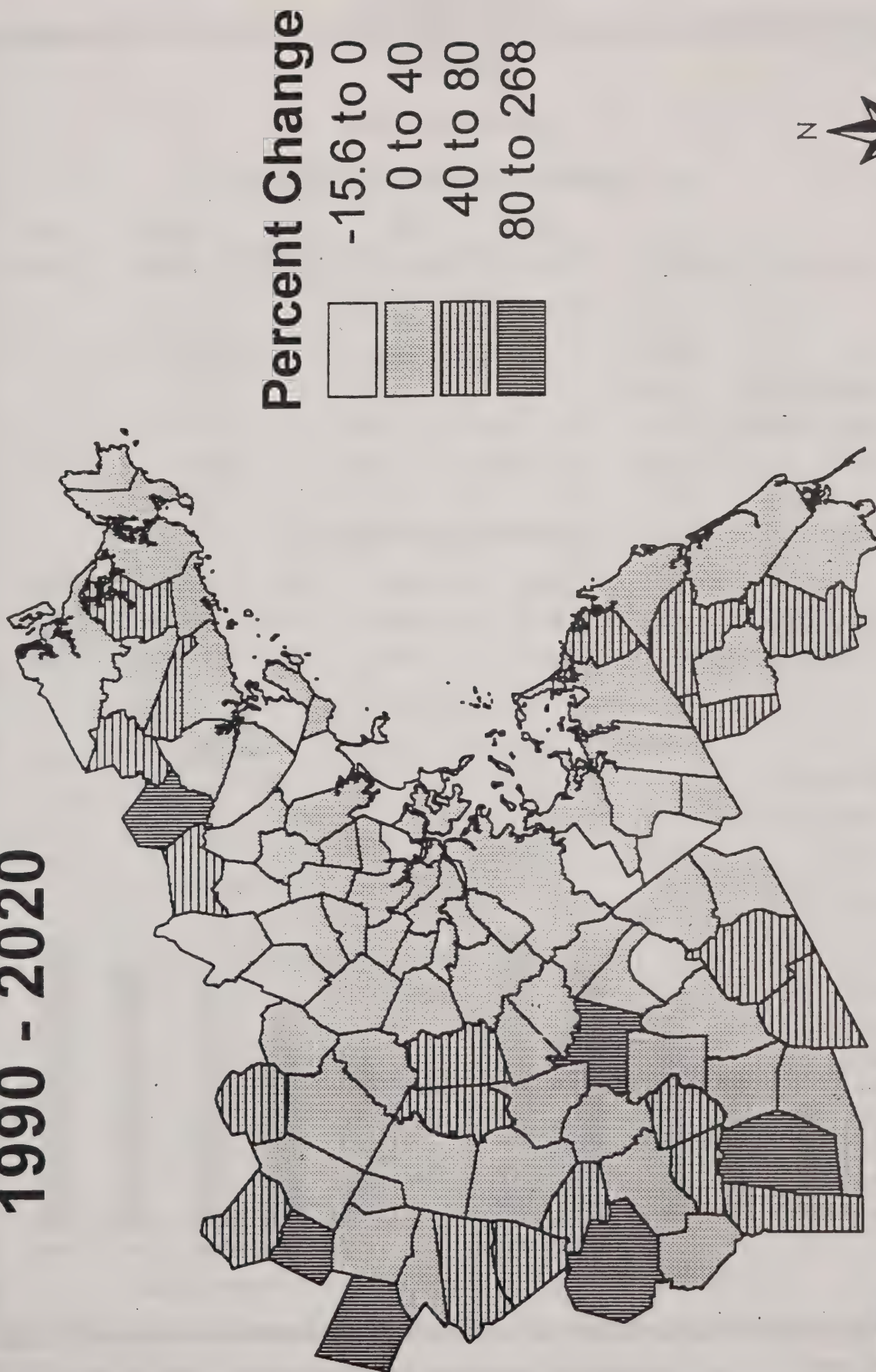
* SouthWest Advisory Planning Committee: includes Bellingham, Franklin, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medway, Milford, Millis, Norfolk, Sherborn and Wrentham. In order to avoid double counting, no communities were included in more than one subregion. Dover has been grouped with TRIC.

Employment Forecasts

1990 - 2020



Employment Forecasts 1990 - 2020



Metropolitan Area
Planning Council



BELLINGHAM

POPULATION FORECAST

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
TOTAL POPULATION	14,300	14,877	15,946	16,669	17,026

PERCENT CHANGE

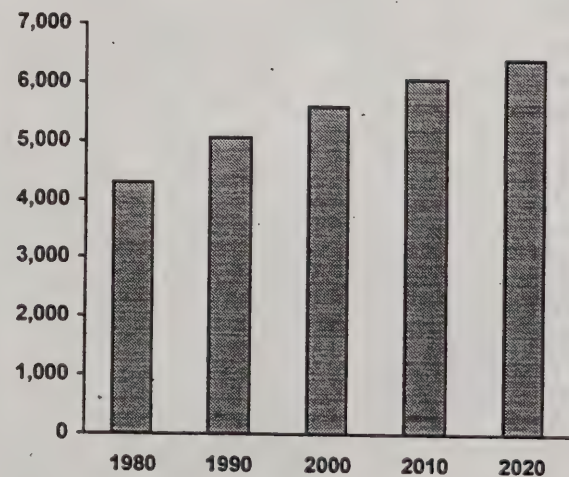
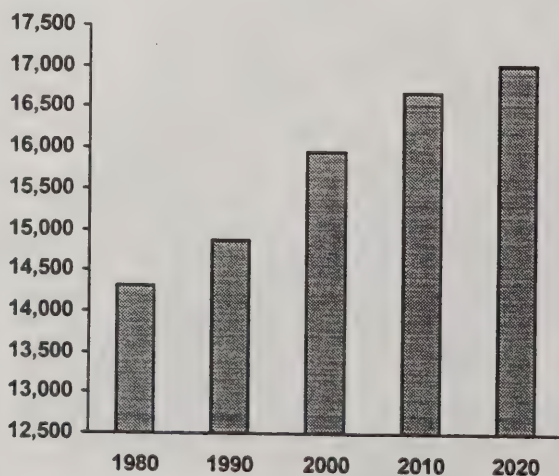
	1980-1990	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2020	1990-2020
BELLINGHAM	4.03	7.19	4.53	2.14	14.45
MAPC REGION	1.33	2.96	1.29	0.85	5.18
SWAP	14.00	15.54	9.41	6.75	34.94

HOUSEHOLD FORECAST

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
HOUSEHOLDS	4,297	5,050	5,590	6,059	6,411
PERSONS PER HH	3.33	2.94	2.87	2.77	2.69

PERCENT CHANGE

	1980-1990	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2020	1990-2020
BELLINGHAM	17.52	10.69	8.39	5.81	26.95
MAPC REGION	7.40	5.47	3.97	3.71	13.72
SWAP	23.35	19.59	13.61	10.66	50.35



Total Population

Total Households



BELLINGHAM

POPULATION AGE GROUP FORECAST

AGE GROUP	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
0 TO 4	1,092	1,274	1,439	1,410	1,283
5 TO 9	1,341	1,028	1,161	1,138	1,035
10 TO 14	1,606	958	1,154	1,335	1,324
15 TO 19	1,568	1,055	835	965	956
20 TO 24	928	1,033	635	783	916
25 TO 29	1,088	1,492	1,036	840	982
30 TO 34	1,489	1,520	1,742	1,096	1,366
35 TO 44	1,912	2,542	3,071	2,898	2,043
45 TO 54	1,317	1,644	2,254	2,789	2,665
55 TO 59	613	627	775	1,090	1,368
60 TO 64	497	564	634	892	1,120
65 TO 74	573	763	813	993	1,421
75 +	276	377	398	440	547
TOTAL	14,300	14,877	15,946	16,669	17,026

PERCENT OF TOTAL

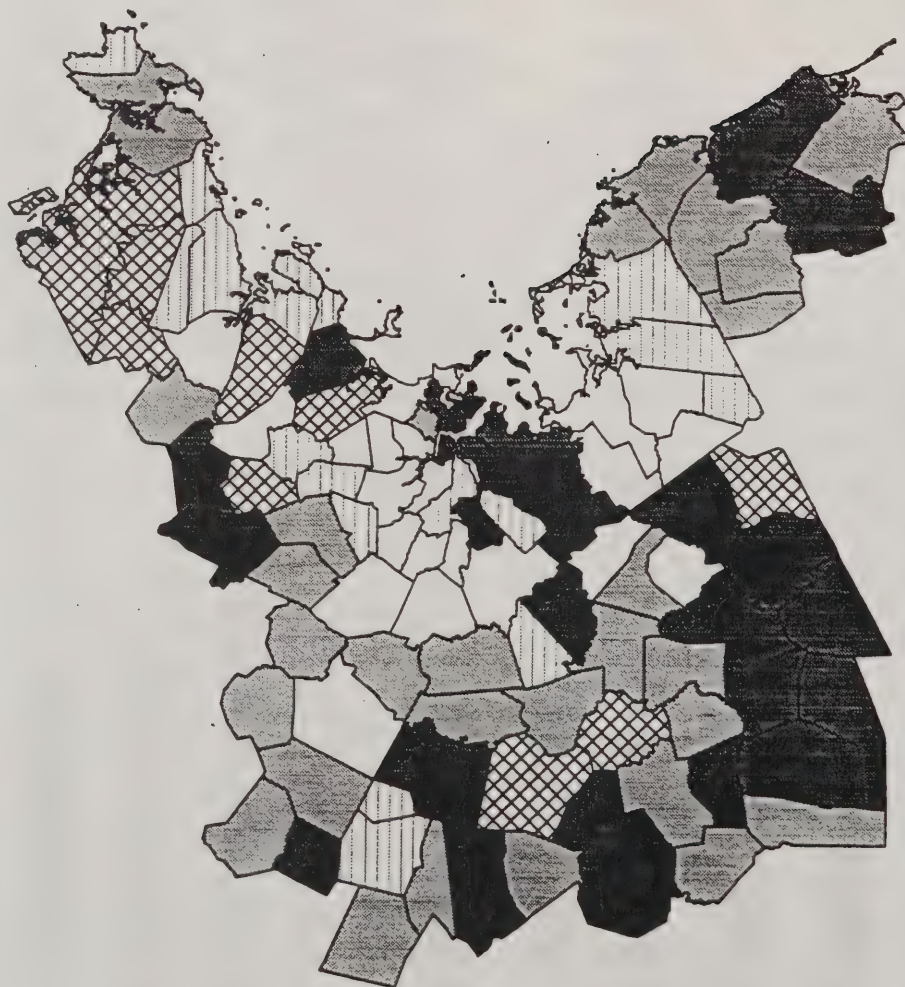
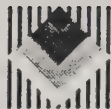
0 TO 4	7.64	8.56	9.03	8.46	7.69
5 TO 9	9.38	6.91	7.28	6.83	6.21
10 TO 14	11.23	6.44	7.23	8.01	7.94
15 TO 19	10.97	7.09	5.23	5.79	5.74
20 TO 24	6.49	6.94	3.98	4.69	5.50
25 TO 29	7.61	10.03	6.50	5.04	5.89
30 TO 34	10.41	10.22	10.92	6.57	8.20
35 TO 44	13.37	17.09	19.26	17.39	12.26
45 TO 54	9.21	11.05	14.13	16.73	15.99
55 TO 59	4.29	4.21	4.86	6.54	8.21
60 TO 64	3.48	3.79	3.98	5.35	6.72
65 TO 74	4.01	5.13	5.10	5.95	8.53
75 +	1.93	2.53	2.49	2.64	3.28



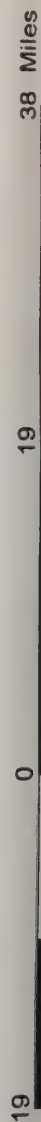
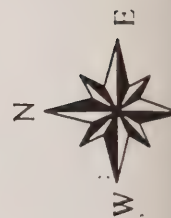
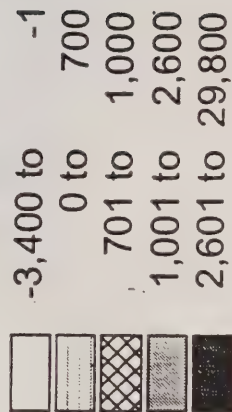
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March, 1996



Absolute Change 1990-2020





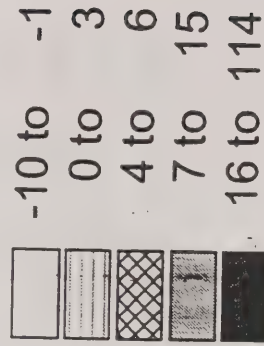
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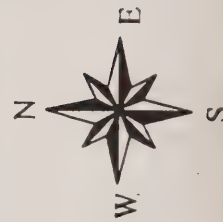
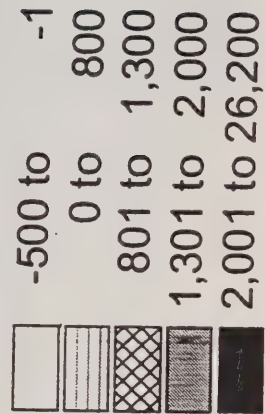
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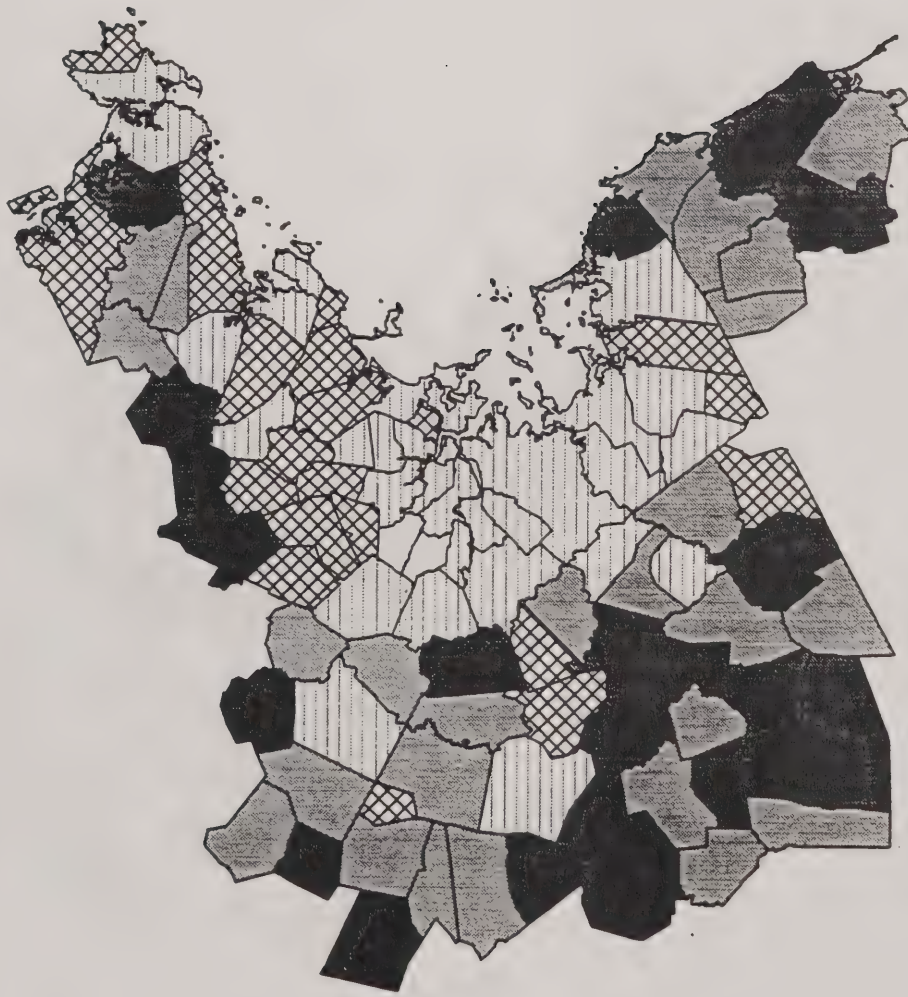
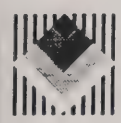
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Percent Change in Households for MAPC Communities: 1990-2020

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Percent Change
1990-2020

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	0 to	11
	12 to	18
	19 to	34
	35 to	153





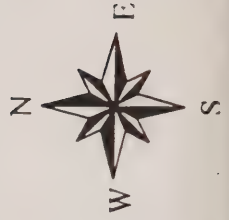
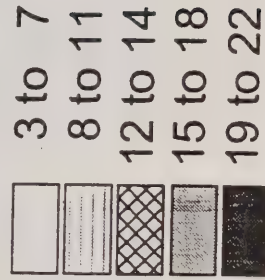
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Population Age 65+
Percent of Total

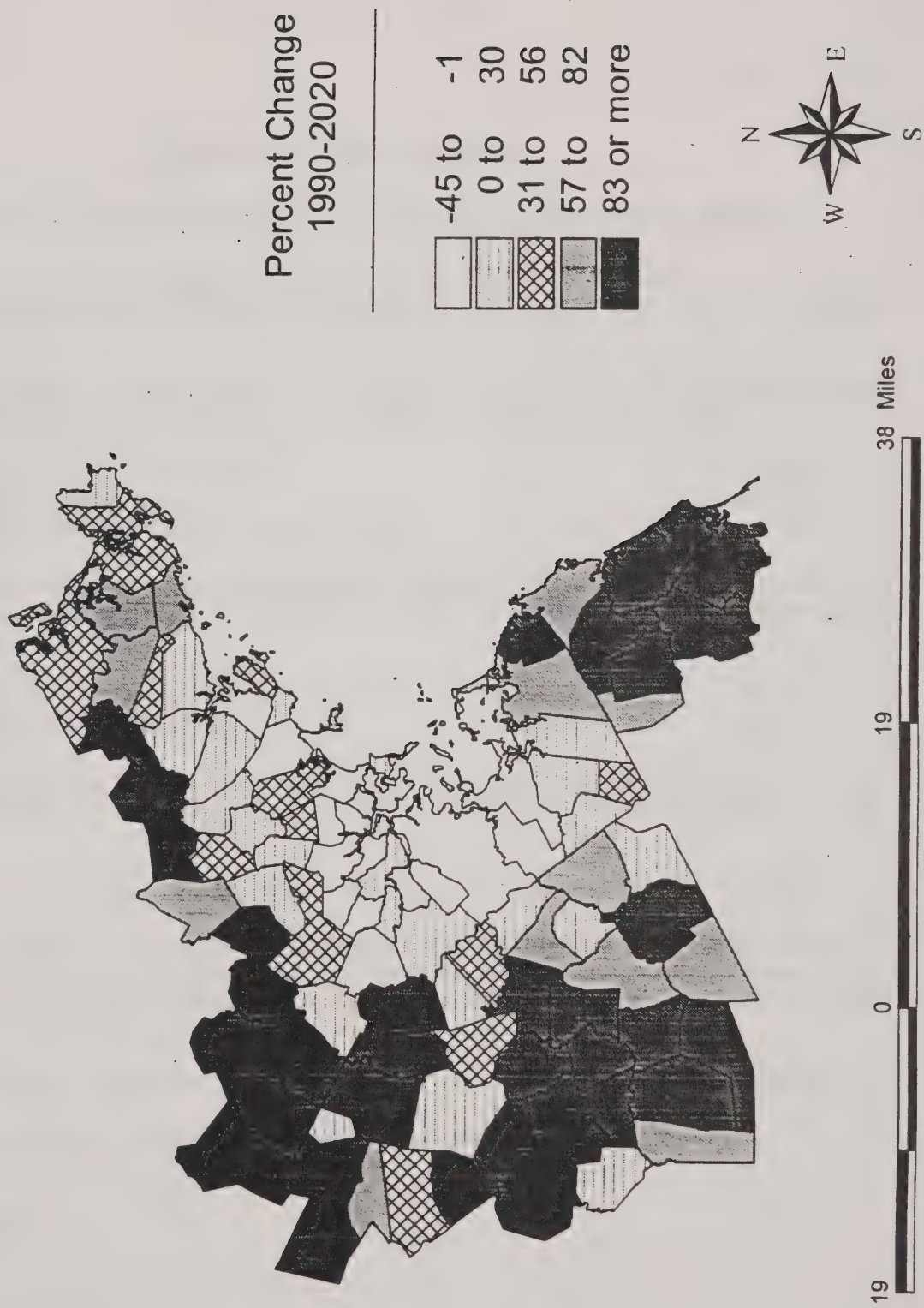




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March, 1996



NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Building #34 Endicott Street
Norwood, Massachusetts 02062
Telephone # (617) 762-3681

December 12, 1996

Town of Bellingham

1996 REPORT OF THE NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The operational Project Program integrates all proven technologies into a system of mosquito control that is rational, safe, effective and economically feasible. All mosquito eggs need stagnant water to hatch and to sustain larval growth.

Source Reduction Work: Our primary efforts are concentrated on the drainage of shallow, standing, stagnant water, and the maintenance of existing flow systems which contribute to mosquito breeding sources.

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| • Drainage ditches hand cleaned: | 5,390 feet |
| • Brush obstructions cut: | 5,185 feet |
| • Drainage reconstructed by wide-track backhoe: | 6,695 feet |

Larviciding: Treatment of mosquito larvae during aquatic development is the next most effective control effort. The Project has begun to rely more on briquet applications, which provides a more site specific, sustained type of control for the mosquito larvae.

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| • Larvicide with briquets: | Total briquets: 399 | .85 acres |
| • Larvicide with mistblower: | Total gallons: 39 | 39 acres |

Adulticiding: The suppression of flying adult mosquitoes becomes necessary when they are numerous, annoying, or threatening to residents. All fogging is done in response to adult surveillance which includes logging of citizen complaints.

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| • Adulticide fogging (1/2oz./acre) from trucks: | Total gallons: 2.65 | 678.4 acres |
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Surveillance: In an effort to more fully implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach, the Project has expanded data collection and surveillance. Surveys, inspections, and monitoring in support of our program include locating and mapping larval breeding areas. Locations of nuisance populations of adult mosquitoes are also identified through the surveillance program.

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| • Total man hours in town: | 741 hours |
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The Project received 42 calls from residents for information and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



John J. Smith, Superintendent

for more information on the Project please access our Website at <http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/tdescham>



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

1996

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and to the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham.

Throughout the past year the Board has strived to establish consistency and objectivity in the administration of personnel matters in an effort to provide service in the best interest of the Town and its employees.

As required during the year, the Board interviewed job applicants and made recommendations to fill vacant town positions. The Board developed a department head input form and an administrators input form. In addition, the Board addressed the concerns and request of department heads and employees.

In the coming year, the Board will work on preparing a welcoming package describing employees benefits. The Board, with the assistance of department heads, would like to update job descriptions.

The Board would like to thank Jacqueline Richard and Denis Fraine, and all departments for their cooperation during the year and look forward to working with all departments in the coming year.

The members of the Board continue to reaffirm their commitment to provide service to the Town of Bellingham, and the Board looks forward to making a positive contribution during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Glose, Chairperson
Monice J. Trottier, Vice Chairperson
Robert J. Badzmierowski
Gail J. Dehmer
Cindy L. Lewis
Monice J. Trottier, Clerk



BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD

P.O. BOX 43

BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

December 20, 1996

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

Over the past few years, Bellingham has been experiencing a surge in commercial development. A new retail complex entitled the Charles River Center is currently under consideration before the Board. It is the Planning Board's job to insure that these large scale retail developments comply with the Town's Bylaws. We conduct public hearings to review these proposals and obtain outside independent expertise when necessary. Our utmost concern is the welfare of the Town of Bellingham. We insist on revisions to plans which enhance developments and address traffic issues.

The Planning Board re-organized on May 9, 1996 as follows: Anne M. Morse, elected Chairman; William M. Wozniak, elected Vice-Chairman; Roland R. LaPrade, elected as Secretary to the Board. Remaining members are Edward T. Moore and Paul Chupa. Richard Dill serves as the Alternate Member to the Planning Board. Valerie J. DeAngelis was reappointed to serve as Clerk. Philip B. Herr of Philip B. Herr and Associates was retained as the Board's planning consultant.

The Planning Board held twenty meetings during the year including sixteen public hearings for commercial and residential development as well as seven hearings for Zoning Bylaw Amendments. Six Definitive Subdivisions were approved for single family residential development. Four Definitive Subdivisions are continued for further information and one was withdrawn without prejudice. Three Preliminary Subdivisions received approval for residential development and one was not acted upon. Eight advertised review meetings were held for Developmental Plan Review. One special permit for condominium development was withdrawn without prejudice. One revised major commercial complex special permit was approved. Two special permits were approved and two are continued. A total of thirteen simple lot divisions (81-P plans) were submitted during the year. Revenues collected total \$16,815.92.

The Planning Board was instrumental in forming the Master Plan Steering Committee, members of which were appointed at our July 1996 meeting. The Committee is comprised of a wide spectrum of members including elected and appointed officials of Town Boards and Departments as well as concerned citizens. A number of workshops have been held throughout the year with consultants Herr

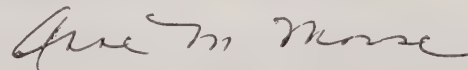
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& James Associates to work towards formulating a Town Master Plan. We believe this is a necessary step to successfully plan the future of the Town of Bellingham especially in light of the increase in both residential and commercial development in our Town.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Town Counsel and all other Town Officials who assist us in the performance of our duties. With their advice and expertise, the Planning Board is able to function at its highest capacity in the best interest of the Town of Bellingham. We look forward to another challenging year.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD



Anne M. Morse, Chairman
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Roland R. LaPrade, Secretary
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Richard Dill, Assoc. Member

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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF
PAUL ST. GEORGE
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Resident Taxpayers of the Town of Bellingham:

The position of Plumbing and Gas Inspector is to protect our Public Water Supply from contamination through cross connection. The position of the Gas Inspector is to protect the residents of the town from any gas related hazards, by inspecting for any code violations.

I have issued, during the year 1996 the following permits:

265	Plumbing Permits
183	Gas Permits
5	Gas Leak Investigation
15	Plumbing Complaints
10	Plumbing Violations
40	Gas Code Violations

Money collected from fees = **\$32,819.00**

I personally thank the Board of Health Members, Mrs Jill Karakeian and Mrs. Charlotte Mangano, Secretaries, Mr. Stuart S. LeClaire, Building Inspector, also the residents of Bellingham for their cooperation in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul St. George
Plumbing & Gas Inspector



Bellingham Police Department

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Tel. 508-966-1515
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CHIEF OF POLICE
RICHARD B. BOUCHER

As Chief of Police, I hereby submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1996.

Through approval of the October Town Meeting, funding was granted to install mobile computer units in the cruisers. These mobile units will provide a more effective use of time and manpower for the Bellingham Police Department.

This department has been successful in obtaining two more Federal Grants (FASTCOPS), totaling \$50,000 per year for three years. This funding will allow the increase of manpower to compensate for the increase of growth in both the business and residential communities in Town. The two new officers funded by the FASTCOPS Grant are Officer Douglas Houston and Officer Jon Walden.

The K-9 Unit, headed by Officer Leonard Gosselin, has a new German Shepherd named "Nik" to be used for tracking purposes as well as drug apprehension. Community funding has allowed Officer Gosselin to obtain and properly train "Nik". Officer Gosselin's tireless efforts in successfully maintaining the K-9 Program are greatly appreciated and have been a credit to this department.

I would like to welcome the two new officers to the department : Officer Edward Guzowski and Officer Jennifer Urquhart. The two officers graduated from the Canton Police Academy in August and have since established themselves as credited members of the department. Officer Urquhart is the first full-time, female Police Officer to work at the Bellingham Police Department. Both officers bring a caring, friendly and understanding attitude toward the public they serve and will definitely be assets to the department.

Sgt. Gerry Corriveau has been assigned as Detective-Sergeant. I believe Sgt. Corriveau will provide a sense of leadership as well as produce a more effective atmosphere within the Detective Division.

Due to the increase of criminal activity and Law Enforcement problems occurring within the City of Woonsocket, R.I. and the Town of Bellingham, a Task Force has been formed to aid both communities. Federal funds totaling \$18,000 have been granted to allow officers from both Bellingham and Woonsocket to work together to combat crimes across state lines. The benefits of this joint force will allow officers to continue to investigate crimes that were previously difficult to follow because of jurisdictional restrictions. Detective-Sergeant Gerry Corriveau, Detective Kevin Ranieri and Detective Tim Buskirk are members of this force.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Sergeant James Haughey for his work in improving the DARE and Community Police Programs. I would also like to thank Officer Lenny Gosselin, Officer Lee Rolls, Detective Tim Buskirk and Detective Kevin Ranieri for their involvement in these programs.

Officer James Martin has established a Bike Patrol for the department. Officer Joseph Antonelli has also aided in the new bike division. The overall response from the community regarding the bike patrol has been a positive one. Thanks to Officer Martin and Officer Antonelli, another way for the department to interact with the community, has been established.

This past May, Officer Joseph Antonelli traveled to Russia. This trip was possible through the Project Harmony Program. This program initiates the exchange between Russian Police Officers and Officers from the United States. Joe traveled to Oryol, Russia and was hosted by Major Boris Galani of the Oryol Police Department. In Oryol, Joe observed Russian Police Officers as well as visiting Russian Police training facilities. Joe enjoyed his trip and found the experience professionally enlightening.

In October, a delegation of Russian Police Officers came to the United States. Joe, in turn, hosted Major Boris Galani in his home. I hosted General Ilya Savchenko, Chief of the Oryol Police. Upon their stay, the Russian delegates were given a tour of our town and police facilities, we familiarized them with our equipment and introduced them to the members of our department as well as some members of the community. They were taken on patrol of the town, as well as taken to the criminal courts, prisons and training academies of the area. They then traveled to Washington D.C. and Virginia to visit F.B.I. Headquarters and training facilities. Both officers enjoyed their experience in the United States.

I would like to thank the entire department for their cooperation and professionalism they have displayed throughout the year.

I also wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Denis Fraine for their assistance in aiding the Bellingham Police Department in becoming a more professional department. I would also like to thank Jacqueline Richards and Cathy Creasia for their assistance to this department as well. A special thanks to Marilyn Mathieu and Wendy Anderson for their help with the PAMET Computer System. Thank you as well goes out to Chief Bartlett and the members of the Auxiliary Police Department for their continued assistance and support.

**Bellingham Police Dept.
Incident Statistics**

January 7, 1997

Tuesday 09:12

Totals by Incident Type for the Year 1996

Month of Year

Incident Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
209 - 209A VIOLATION	2	6	1	2	1	1	4	3	1	3	1	3	28
ACC - ACCIDENT	81	38	75	70	44	70	47	67	59	57	90	86	784
AGA - AGGRAV ASSAULT				1	2					1		1	5
ALA - ALARM	70	76	56	48	61	78	83	54	44	67	62	60	759
AMV - ABANDONED MV								1					1
APC - ANNOYING PHONE	7	13	7	1	2	2	5	3	6	1	4	7	58
ARA - ARSON ATTEMPT											1		1
ARR - ARREST	1	13	10	4	9	8	6	7	6	5	9	12	90
ASK - ASSAULT-KNIFE	1												1
ASP - ASSAULT-PHYSICA		1	1	7	4	2	1	1	1	4		1	23
ASS - ASSAULT-SIMPLE	1	1		2	3	5	6	2	3		1	2	26
ASU - ATTEMPTED SUICI	1										1		2
ASV - ASSAULT-VERBAL										1			1
ASW - ASSAULT-WEAPON		2											2
ATL - ARTICLES LOST	1				1		1						3
ATR - ARTICLES RECOVD			1			1		1			1		4
AUR - M/V RECOVERED					1						1	1	3
AUS - M/V STOLEN	1	1											2
B&E - BREAKING & ENT	2	12	3	2	2	3	5	4	2	7	6		48
BEA - B&E ATTEMPT	1		1	1	1	1	2		1		2	2	12
BEF - B&E FORCED			1	2	1						1	1	6
BEM - B&E MV	1	4	4	7	1	2	1	2	3	5	2	2	34
BEU - B&E UNLAW ENTRY						1							1
BIR - BICYCLE RECOVERD	1		1	1		1		4	1	1	1	1	12
BIS - BICYCLE STOLEN				1	2		7	5	2	3	2		22
BYL - BY-LAW VIOL.	1	2	4	1	1		6				1	1	17
DIS - DISTURBANCE	23	27	30	40	23	34	39	32	21	7	13	11	300
DOM - DOMESTIC	4	7	4	8	3	6	2	4	3	3	4	7	55
DRK - DRUNK	1				2							1	4
FAV - FIREARMS VIOL			1		1		3	1	1				7
FIA - FIREARMS INC								1					1
FIR - FIRE	24	22	27	30	18	28	23	24	8	1		1	206
FIW - FIREWORKS						2	6						8
FRA - FRAUD	1		1	3	6			1					12
HAR - HARASSMENT	6	5	8	14	10	7	5	10	5	4	1	1	76
HEA - HEALTH DEPT									1	1	2		4
IAC - INDUSTRIAL ACC						1							1
IAS - INDECENT ASSAUL					1	1							2
IEX - INDECENT EXPOSU				1				1	1				3
KID - KIDNAPPING								1					1
LAG - LARCENY-GRAND					1								1
LAR - LARCENY	7	16	6	15	13	13	13	15	15	10	9	13	145
LIT - LITTERING					1			2			2		5
LMV - LARCENY MV	3	1	1	4	1	1							11
LTK - LARCENY-TRUCK	1					1		1					3
LVO - LARCENY MV OTHER			2	1		1		1	1			1	7
MIP - MISSING PERSON	4	4	5	2	5	2	1	4	10	3	5	3	48
MIS - MISCELLANEOUS	51	27	34	61	47	69	48	65	66	62	27	28	585
MPF - MP FOUND	1		1							1			3
MUT - MUTUAL AID	14	16	14	5	8	20	16	13	2	2			110
MVO - M/V OPERATION	10	21	21	13	23	18	26	20	25	10	17	15	219
MVT - M/V TOWED											6	1	7
NAR - NARCOTICS				1		1				3			5
PRC - PROT. CUSTODY	1	3	4	2	1		3	3	4	2	3	4	30
PRF - PROPERTY FOUND	4	2	7	2	3	6	12	8	3	1	4	3	55
PRL - PROPERTY LOST	1			1	1	1					2		6
PRO - PROWLER	2		1	3					1		1	2	10
RAF - RAPE FORCED					1								1
RES - RESCUE	62	39	38	48	57	42	47	54	25	5		5	422
ROA - ROBBERY ATTEMPT										1			1
ROB - ROBBERY	1												1
ROF - ROBBERY FIREARM								1					1
ROU - ROBBERY UNARMED										1			1
ROW - ROBBERY WEAPON									1				1
SHO - SHOPLIFTING	2			1	2		1	2					11
SMV - SUSPICIOUS MV										1	4	3	8
SPE - SUSPICIOUS PERS										1	1	1	3
STP - STOLEN PLATES	2	3		3	2	3	1	3	5	3	1	1	27
SUD - SUDDEN DEATH	1					1	2			1		1	6
SUI - SUICIDE			1							1			2
THR - THREAT	5	4	1	1	3	4		3	3	3	2	1	30
TRE - TRESSPASS	2	2	5	7	7	6	10	5	1	4	3		52
TRN - TRANSFER							1						1
UNF - UNFOUNDED										11	23	19	53
UTI - UTILITIES COMP	7	3	3	4	5	1		1	1			4	29
VAN - VANDALISM	7	8	15	13	18	16	21	14	17	15	17	5	166

Totals by Incident Type for the Year 1996

Incident Type	Month of Year												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
WAR - WRT. ARR. ONLY	4	8	3	7	8	8	2	8	16	10	8	7	89
TOTALS	423	387	398	440	407	468	456	452	365	322	344	318	4780

CITATIONS :

Warnings	372
Civil	1109
Arrests	160

TOTAL CITATIONS WRITTEN : 1641



PUBLIC LIBRARY

100 BLACKSTONE STREET
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

To the Honorable Board of Selectman:

Annual Report of the Bellingham Public Library 1996

This year was marked by increased computer access, programming and public outreach.

January ushered in winter story hours. February school vacation was celebrated with a visit from Curly the Clown. He entertained about 100 children and their parents with his magic balloon tricks. Each child took a balloon sculpture home.

March brought in a sports card collecting workshop put on by Mr. Hollosy from Franklin. Children and their parents were provided with information on purchasing, collecting and grading sports cards. Each child received a selection of cards at the end of the program.

Steve Emma presented Chair-Caning for adults. Patrons were encouraged to bring a sample of a chair with them so Mr. Emma could explain the technique of repair. He also covered the history and botany of the caning process.

The library joined the vast resources in cyberspace by mounting a Web Page in April. The page boasts a short history of Bellingham, library hours and events, hot reads and information about Town Offices, along with links to other interesting places to visit on the Internet. The new page was introduced during National Library Week, highlighting Log-On Day. A picture of the Cartwheel statute was added during the summer.

The American Girl Dolls were on display in April to announce the Friend's raffle for a Samantha Doll at a tea party put on in June.

May saw a program entitled: "The four smartest business people I ever met..." put on by Bill Fitzpatrick from "Winning with Small Business." Mr. Fitzpatrick covered information on starting a small business.

Patron card numbers were changed from 6 digit numbers to new 14 digit barcodes in preparation for becoming a circulating member of our on-line system. This move also meant brand new library cards for our patrons. The new cards now have a picture of the library on the front.

June ushered in Samantha's Lemonade Social. The social was a great success with Angela Vogt singing and entertaining girls in grades 1-6. Each girl received a fan to take home with her and one lucky person won the American Girl Doll, Samantha. Money raised from the raffle for the doll went to the Friends to help provide on-going programs and equipment to the library.

The library closed for the week of July 4th to upgrade all the existing computers. Summer brought knights of olde to the library for the Summer Reading Program: "Catch the Spark, READ!" The Children's Room was transformed into a Medieval Castle and children of all ages were invited to drop in and join Sir Readsalot on his quest for the summer spark. There were movies, crafts, puzzles, games, a visit from Higgins Armory, a Fire Safety class put on by the Bellingham Fire Department, a Magician, Storytellers, and a Juggler. The last event was a Medieval Faire and a visit from Sir Readsalot. This years program had 350 children sign-up to participate.

PJ storyhours were again offered during the Summer with the help of volunteers from the community. Evening storyhours were continued through October, for the first time this year.

July again ushered in the Friends annual Golf Tourney, through the diligent efforts of Pat Rotatori. This year was by far the best with over 160 people participating. The Friends raised \$6800.00, the BEST EVER!!!! The Friends also put on a number of book sales and programs along with the annual Craft Fair. This years Craft Fair raised \$1650.00, with the generous help of Joanne McAneny, the BEST EVER!!! The money raised by the Friends purchased two new CD-ROM workstations, one for the Children's Room and one for the Young Adult area, and a new computer used for word processing programs.

The Bellingham Women of Today hosted their annual Halloween Party for the children of Bellingham. Children attended in costume and participated in games and entertainment while they were at the library.

October also celebrated International Poetry Day with sixth grade students from Macy School reading a selection of poetry to children in grades K-3. Poems were read and acted out by the students.

Edgar Allan Poe visited the library in late October, giving a spellbinding performance as he read selections from his works.

Mrs. Claus also made her annual appearance with stories and treats for all the children in attendance. This year she enjoyed one of the biggest crowds ever, with 70 people in attendance.

Use of the Community Room increased precipitously with town departments using the space most often. The Community Room was signed out 170 times during the year with the bulk of the use coming from the town. We had several Central and Eastern Regional Library events take place here.

The Town also took advantage of the library's other rooms for their meetings as well. The Historical Room, Quiet Room and Children's Program Room were all used for Town meetings, workshops, sign-ups, and arbitration.

The Bellingham Cultural Council put on many different art displays during the year making the Community Room look very nice. Highlights were the quilt exhibit and photography contest. This summer also brought art from the elementary schools which was on display throughout the summer and into September.

Bob Higgins has added another of his wood sculptures to the library. It can be viewed as one enters or exits the building through the main hall.

Museum passes were continued this year with three new passes being added by the Friends.

The library now offers: Children's Museum, provided by Dean Cooperative Bank.

Museum of Science, provided by the Friends of the Library.

Aquarium, provided by the Friends of the Library.

Capron Park Zoo, provided by the Friends of the Library.

Roger Williams Zoo, provided by the Friends of the Library.

Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, provided by the Friends of the Library and the Bellingham Arts Council.

These passes provide residents the opportunity to visit museums at a greatly reduced rate. Most passes admit up to four people with a minimal charge.

As always we would like to thank the generous assistance of all those volunteers and Friends

who make it possible for the library to continue to provide quality service to the community.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Lord, Chairperson
Lea Kraus, Vice Chair
Fran Newton
Joanne McAneny
Maryclare Burke
Laura Einstadter, Director

Circulation statistics:

Total volumes: 39,000
Total Patrons: 10,698
Total Juvenile Circulation: 50,000
Total Adult and YA Circulation: 38,000
Total ILL requests from other libraries: 30
Total ILL requests from Bellingham: 350

Circulation Grand Total: 88,000

BELLINGHAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ANNUAL REPORT CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

Drinking Water Supply

The Department of Public Works (DPW) operates and maintains eight ground water supply pumping stations, four lime feed facilities, three water storage stand pipes, one green sand filtration plant and approximately eighty miles of water main.

During the calendar year 1996 we completed construction of the Lime Feed Corrosion Control facilities. The facilities are designed to feed hydrated lime into the water supply system to raise the pH and thereby reduce the corrosive nature of the Town's water. Once these facilities are tuned to peak efficiency, lead and copper corrosion should be eliminated. Lead in our tap water that is caused by corrosion, is our number one water quality problem. Tap water testing scheduled for 1997 will confirm the effectiveness of the lime feed system and should yield additional data to help us fine tune the corrosion control operation.

As part of the Corrosion Control facility construction, a Superior Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system was installed. This allows for much greater control and monitoring of the water supply wells, lime feed facilities, stand pipes and filtration plant. The SCADA system is a state of the art computer system that records data and makes it possible to monitor and control remote facilities from the DPW office. This system has already proven itself very useful. It has the alarm dispatch capabilities to notify DPW personnel before a major problem arises and allows for more efficient dispatching of personnel. It has also been shown to be effective in tracking extremely high water uses, such as fires or large water breaks. The SCADA computer we now have is the first step towards complete system wide control and data acquisition. In the next few years, we hope to obtain funding for further improvements to allow complete control and monitoring of all water and sewer facilities.

The Corrosion Control system should have a twofold benefit. In addition to solving the water quality problem noted above, it should also reduce the number of leaks we experience. The DPW fixes about 100 underground water leaks per year. Over ninety percent of these leaks are due to corrosion of copper tubing. The rapid development of new leaks has continuously contributed to our very high unaccounted for water. The Corrosion Control system should stop the further development of corrosion leaks.

In our continuing effort to reduce our unaccounted for water, we started a system wide service line leak detection survey in late November. This survey is similar to the surveys performed in previous years and is intended to locate water leaks that have not yet surfaced. We also performed accuracy tests on our master meters at all wells and the filtration plant. The results of this test indicated that our master meters are operating with an overall error of less than five percent. We had hoped that a substantial error would be found and a large portion of our unaccounted for water problem would be resolved. This was not the case, so we must continue to search for the problem.

Other water quality related activities include the bi-weekly testing for Coliform Bacteria in the distribution system, Cross Connection / Backflow Prevention Program, and other testing required under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations.

The engineering design work and land taking for Well #12, located North of High Street, were completed. The construction contract bids were received and the contract awarded. Construction started in late December 1996 and should be completed by mid to late August 1997. This new well should help to insure future supplies are sufficient to meet the demand for water.

The DPW staff replaced 1,000 feet of old deteriorating two-inch iron water main with new eight-inch PVC pipe. This work was done on Richard Avenue, Fleetwood Road and Glen Brook Road in concert with the complete reconstruction of these streets. Hopefully, the water main replacement will prevent the need to excavate our newly installed asphalt pavement to repair a water leak.

Sanitary Sewer Collection

The DPW maintains five sewer pumping stations, about sixteen miles of sewer pipe, three metering stations, and has made public sewer available to over 1,300 properties. During 1996, one hundred and five properties connected to the town sewer system. At the end of the year, about two thirds of the properties that have public sewers available have connected.

The feasibility of Phase 3 Sewers, was studied in 1996. Questionnaires were mailed out to residents where sewer expansion may be viable. Response to the questionnaire was good, with about sixty percent of the questionnaires returned. However, there was very little support for sewer system expansion. The cost appeared to be the biggest stumbling block. A problem with undertaking the Phase 3 sewer expansion is the lack of grant funding. All previous projects, constructed under Phase 1 and 2, were grant funded by the State at rates of between 50% and 70%. These grant funding programs no longer exist. Therefore, the residents who receive sewer service from Phase 3, would most likely pay a betterment assessment of close to \$10,000 per household.

In the Spring of 1996, the DPW staff performed an Infiltration/Inflow survey on all sewer manholes that contribute flow to the Charles River Pollution Control District (CRPCD) treatment facility. The survey located very few leaks. This is not surprising as our system is very new and leaks should not be a problem. The survey was done to conform with orders issued by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. All towns that contribute sewer flow to the CRPCD treatment facility, were required to perform some level of survey to reduce the amount of ground water entering the sewer system.

Highway

Several roadway projects were undertaken this year. On Hartford Avenue, we regraded the road to eliminate a dip and puddle in coordination with the Home Depot site developer, who extended the sidewalks from Walmart towards Maple Street. The first phase of the South Main Street Sidewalks project was bid and the contract awarded. The contractor started work in late November. Wrentham Road, from Lake Street to the Wrentham Town line, was reconstructed with drainage improvements and new curbing. The reconstruction of Linwood Avenue and Prospect Street was completed to eliminate chronic drainage problems. Glen Brook Avenue, Fleetwood Road, and Richard Avenue reconstruction was started and will be completed in the early Spring of 1997.

Crack sealing was performed on many streets including Center Street, North Main, Wrentham Road and Pulaski Boulevard. In addition to the crack sealing, the DPW staff removed and repaired several areas of pavement that were too severely cracked to apply crack sealer. New traffic markings were painted on several streets as well.

The bids were received and the contract awarded to extend a culvert on Pulaski Boulevard. This work is the final phase of construction needed to complete the sidewalk system from Center Street to the Harpin Street school and ball field area. The work should be completed in May or June of 1997.

Moving forward with future roadway projects, a Public Works Economic Development Grant has been applied for that will improve the drainage and pedestrian access to Maple Street. If we receive the grant, the section of Maple Street from Route 140 to the 495 bridge will be reconstructed with a new sidewalk added on one side.

In connection with the Maple Street improvement, we have submitted the requests for Traffic Improvement Program funding to realign the roadways and install traffic signals at the Maple Street / Route 140 intersection. If approved, the Town will have to pay for the engineering and land taking, but the State will pay for and perform all construction. We hope to see the signals in place by the middle of 1998 and the Maple Street project completed by the end of that same year.

The first steps have been taken to improve Pulaski Boulevard from Crooks Corner to the Franklin town line. This work will include addressing the high accident rate at the South Main and Pickering Avenue Baybank location. This project is tentatively scheduled for construction in the year 2000. However, there are many variables that could work to accelerate or delay this schedule.

We have also been working with the State regarding their plans to reconstruct Mendon Street in 1997. They will be repairing and reconstructing the roadway and installing new curbing and sidewalks along the westbound lane during the 1997 construction season.

This year the DPW hired a large staff of local high school and college aged personnel for summer help. Their primary task was to perform highway beautification. Their work included cutting brush, removing weeds, and applying weed killer in sidewalk areas. This program appears to work well and will be continued in the future as long as funding allows.

Equipment

The DPW has moved to update its equipment. We have purchased two new sander / dump trucks, and a new catch basin cleaning truck. These purchases replaced vehicles we purchased in the late seventies. We have been fighting to keep these vehicles on the road in the past years. We have also purchased a new Bobcat skid steer loader that has attachments for sidewalk snow removal, sweeping, and other useful road repair and maintenance tasks.

A surplus equipment sale was held and almost \$16,000 was returned to the general fund from this sale of junk equipment that had been littering the DPW yard.

Conclusion

It has been a good year for the DPW. Once we made it through the worst Winter on record, we cleaned up the mess and got some quality work done. The wet and cool summer lessened the pressure on the water supply system, which was especially appreciated since the land taking negotiations for our new well took much longer than we had anticipated.

All employees of the D. P. W. look forward to serving the residents of the Town of Bellingham in 1997 and beyond.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Donald F. DiMartino
DPW Director

TOTAL WATER PUMPED INTO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

JANUARY	44,089,000
FEBRUARY	43,898,000
MARCH	49,093,000
APRIL	46,498,000
MAY	54,887,000
JUNE	55,657,000
JULY	57,006,000
AUGUST	47,670,000
SEPTEMBER	39,243,000
OCTOBER	41,256,000
NOVEMBER	37,980,000
DECEMBER	38,272,000

TOTAL	550,549,000	GALLONS
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PUMPING BREAKDOWN

STATION 1	90,525,000
STATION 2	19,850,000
STATION 3	45,364,000
STATION 4	147,572,000
STATION 5	68,143,000
STATION 11	63,751,000
FILTRATION PLANT	<u>115,344,000</u>

TOTAL	550,549,000	GALLONS
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DAILY AVERAGE PUMPED	1.508 MILLION GALLONS/DAY
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WATER TAKERS

METERED:

DOMESTIC	4,899
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL	280

UN-METERED:

SUMMER TAKERS	7
DOMESTIC	2

TOTAL	5,188
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METERS RE-READ BY OWNER (TRANSFER OF PROPERTY CHANGES)	188
SECONDARY METERS	1

GALLONS METERED BY COMPUTER	359,234,000
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TRACKED WATER LOSS FLUSHING HYDRANTS, WATER BREAKS, FIRES,	300,000
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TOTAL	359,534,000
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UNACCOUNTED FOR	191,015,000 34.7 %
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NEW WATER SERVICES

WATER INSTALLED BY WATER DEPARTMENT	8
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WATER INSTALLED BY BUILDERS	45
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TOTAL	53
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SERVICE CALLS

WATER METERS REPLACED - DEFECTIVE	52
WATER METERS REPLACED - FROZEN	6
WATER METERS - RECYCLED	96
BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES TESTED	97
FILTRATION PLANT CALLS	7
SEWER PLANT CALLS	5
SEWER SERVICE CALLS	0
HIGHWAY SERVICE CALLS	417
WATER WELLS CALLS	8

SERVICE CALLS (continued)

EMERGENCY CALLS (NIGHTS, SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS)	7
SERVICE CALLS (OPEN, CLOSING & REPAIRS)	1930
GATE VALVE BOXES (EXTENDED & REPLACED)	2
CURB-BOX REPAIRED	18
WATER MAINS (BREAKS & REPAIRS)	12
LEAK DETECTION	16
WATER SERVICES BREAKS (REPLACED & REPAIRED)	71
HYDRANT MAINTENANCE:	
PAINTED	0
REPAIRED	12
REPLACED	3
INSPECTED	20
FLUSHED	200
WINTERIZED	16
HYDRANTS IN SYSTEM	790

THE WATER METERS ARE BEING READ SEMI - ANNUALLY UNDER THE NEW AUTOMATIC READING & BILLING PROCEDURE, THE TOWN HAS BEEN DIVIDED INTO SIX (6) SECTIONS.

SECTION 1 - WILL BE READ JANUARY & JULY

SECTION 2 - WILL BE RED FEBRUARY & AUGUST

SECTION 3 - WILL BE READ MARCH & SEPTEMBER

SECTION 4 - WILL BE READ APRIL & OCTOBER

SECTION 5 - WILL BE READ MAY & NOVEMBER

SECTION 6 - WILL BE READ JUNE & DECEMBER

SEWER

CONNECTIONS:

SEWER SERVICES CONNECTED TO TOWN SYSTEM AS OF 12/31/94	751
NEW CONNECTIONS TO TOWN SEWER DURING 1995	108
TOTAL OF PROPERTIES CONNECTED TO SEWER SYSTEM AS OF 12/31/95	859

1996 SEWER FLOW QUANTITIES:

TO CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT PLANT	50,387,800 GALLONS
TO WOONSOCKET WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	12,364,320 GALLONS

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February 18, 1997

Bellingham Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Annex
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

RE: Town Counsel
Annual Report

Dear Board Members:

The following is the Annual Report of Town Counsel:

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Dear Board Members:

As Town Counsel, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1996, as required by Chapter 10, Article 10.03 of the Town By-Laws:

CASES SETTLED

1. Inhabitants of Blackstone vs. Inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham, Suffolk County Land Court, Docket No. 7911, Boston, Massachusetts.
2. William Spear, et al vs. The Inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham, Suffolk County Land Court, Docket No. 96576, Boston, Massachusetts.
3. Joseph E. LaPlante, Trustee vs. Bellingham Zoning Board of Appeals, Milford District Court, Docket No. 88C0628.
4. Joseph E. LaPlante, Trustee vs. Bellingham Zoning Board of Appeals, Milford District Court, Docket No. 89-C-0766.
5. Lease and Rental Management Corp. d/b/a Auto-Use vs. Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 181921.
6. Nicol Goulet vs. Town of Bellingham, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 92-03135.

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7. Bernard Wasserman and B. Wasserman & Associates vs. Town of Bellingham, et al, Worcester Superior Court, Docket No WOCV94-01070.
8. Commonwealth of Massachusetts vs. Alouette Associates Limited and Bernard Wasserman, et al vs. Town of Blackstone and Town of Bellingham, Suffolk Superior Court Docket No. 94-4182 E.
9. Donald Casey et ux vs. The Inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham, Norfolk County Superior Court, Docket No. 93-02603.
10. Richard D. Marcoux vs. Town of Bellingham, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 94-1328, (Worcester Superior Court Docket No. WOCV94-01584).
11. ROL Realty Trust vs. Town of Bellingham Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 215494-94-PRO.
12. Bellingham Venture Limited Par. vs. Town of Bellingham Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. F227130-95-PRO.
13. Ronald A. Cowen vs. Town of Bellingham Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X276473-95-PR1.
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15. John J. Consigli vs. Town of Bellingham Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X276590-95-PR1.
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17. Consigli Construction Company, Inc. vs. Town of Bellingham, Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 95-0236.
18. Inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham vs. Consigli Construction Company, Inc., National Grange Mutual Insurance, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 95-268.
19. Town of Bellingham vs. SV Asset Partners Limited Partnership and SuperValu Holdings, Inc., Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 9505261.
20. Edmund Walkowiak vs. Town of Bellingham Assessors, Appellate Tax Board Docket No. X276099-95-PRO.
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23. Town of Bellingham vs. Terry and Cynthia Balcolm, Housing Court, Worcester County Division, Docket No. 96-CV-0081.

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2. Thomas E. Clark vs. Town of Bellingham, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 89-2022.

3. Kenneth and Ann Thompson vs. Town of Bellingham, Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 90-1682A.

4. Evergreen Construction Co. vs. Town of Bellingham, Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 89-2854.

5. Wayne D. Peckham vs. Bellingham Zoning Board of Appeals, Milford District Court, Docket No. 9366CV39.

6. Bellingham Associates vs. Water Sewer Commissioner, Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 93-1665.

7. Thomas Clark, Jr., et al vs. John F. Emidy, et al, Norfolk Superior Court No. 932162.

8. Evergreen Construction, Inc., et al vs. Denis Fraine, et al, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 93-1776.

9. F. W. Madigan Company, Inc. vs. Town of Bellingham, Norfolk Superior Court.

10. Town of Bellingham vs. Chaulk Services, Inc., Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 95-1266A.

11. Paul Watson vs. Town of Bellingham et al, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 94-01195.


12. Franklin H. Riedy vs. Bellingham Police Department, United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Docket No. 94-12065EFH.

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17. FBS Associates vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 235168-96-PRO.
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19. Robert C. and Yvette L. Gladu vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 280209-96-PRO.

Respectfully submitted,


Lee G. Ambler,
Town Counsel

LGA:swt

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**ANNUAL REPORT
JANUARY, 1997**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Bellingham:

The past year has been a busy one in both the Collector's office and in the Treasurer's office. The Collector's office has been working to fine-tune our computer programs while the Treasurer's office has begun handling payroll in-house. Although this has not been an easy transition, it has not been catastrophic!

I wish to thank my staff--Assistant Collector Barbara Gallagher, Assistant Treasurer Kathy Rooney, Principal Clerk Teresa Ambrosino, Senior Clerk Janet Maclure and Payroll-Personnel Clerk Theresa Vadenais--their professionalism and dedication make both the Treasurer's office and the Collector's office run smoothly and efficiently.

Thank you also to Chief Financial Officer Marilyn Mathieu and Town Officials, employees and citizens for your support.

Respectfully submitted,



**Grace L. Devitt
Treasurer-Collector**



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF THE VETERANS SERVICES

BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019
TEL. (508) 966-0990 FAX# (508) 966-4425

VETERANS SERVICES

The Veteran's Services Office once again provided both benefits and general information regarding entitlements to the veterans of Bellingham. Additionally, a significant amount of time was spent providing information to dependents and surviving spouses of veterans.

The following summarizes activities of the past year:

Number of veterans receiving benefits: 4

Number of veterans serviced or provided counseling: 52

As always, veterans and their dependents in need of assistance are encouraged to contact the Veteran's Services Office for information regarding the various benefits available to veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mazzola
Veteran's Agent

Denis C. Fraine
Administrative Assistant
to Veteran's Agent



ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Town Hall Annex • Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019 • Tel. 966-2567

Electrical Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bellingham:

PERMITS ISSUED IN 1996

January	22	\$ 15,720.00
February	26	784.00
March	27	1,330.00
April	31	1,100.00
May	47	6,181.76
June	45	1,710.00
July	48	5,876.20
August	44	5,020.00
September	41	3,843.00
October	41	3,052.00
November	31	4,342.00
December	31	1,319.00

TOTAL **\$ 50,278.00**

I wish to thank all Town Officials for the assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Florent R. Levesque
Inspector of Wires



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AGENT

BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

FISCAL YEAR 1995 - 1996

In the past year, there have been approximately twenty-five (25) reported accidents of which one (1) resulted in lost time. The total claims paid for medical compensation was \$80,35.84 and the total claims paid for medical services was \$32,910.05.

These figures represent an increase in compensation paid and decrease in medical claims paid based on the fact that three (3) cases were settled, raising the compensation amount paid, but a decrease in medical claims as many injuries reported did not need medical attention.

The Town strives to keep these costs down by anticipating potentially unsafe conditions and taking corrective action with Department Heads. Through Health Resources, the Occupational Health Nurse continues to monitor all reported injuries on a weekly basis and also provides valuable information for all town employees.

Respectfully submitted;

Nancy A. Bailey
Workers Compensation Agent

Blackstone Valley Vocational
Regional School District
Upton, Massachusetts

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

FY96
Annual Report

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"...all genuine education
comes through
experience."

John Dewey
Experience & Education

**From the Superintendent-
Director**

The previous year was defined by major structural changes in the state's educational system - from the consolidation and redesign of the Board of Education to the gradual implementation of reform measures in schools throughout the state.

Valley Tech embraced these changes with vigor. Adopting a shared empowerment posture, we initiated a series of reforms, from restructuring of the academic delivery system to the lengthening of the school year to 185 days. With more time came better uses - 1995-96 marked the first full school year of block scheduling, integrated academic and vocational-technical programs and career clustering of students. By 1998, the number of instruction days will rise to 193 per year.

Valley Tech is a champion of reform and change, yet we have not forgotten some of our finer traditions and practices. School/business partnerships; education through community service; 100 percent of graduating seniors in jobs, colleges, the military; and a strong commitment to regional endeavors are just some of Valley Tech's defining

traditions to which we remain committed fully.

We enter a new year facing new challenges. Student-customer needs are far more diverse. Vocational-technical and academic teachers find themselves held to rigorous content and performance standards at district, state and national levels. Pressure on educational systems to demonstrate results is increasing.

Valley Tech will tackle these challenges with the same enthusiasm we have demonstrated in the past. Within our constantly improving organization we shall work together effectively as partners with vested and shared authority to contribute to decisions and yet accept accountability for results.

By combining our energy, resources and momentum, we shall meet our mission of quality vocational-technical education and academic training for our young people.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

More time, better uses: reforming the system

Expanding the school year by 5 instructional days enabled faculty and students to access more time to devote to classes. To give teachers the flexibility to use the new time creatively, the entire academic delivery system was restructured, allowing for longer classes, interdisciplinary projects and more active student participation.

Block Scheduling

A significant component of the restructuring effort was the adoption of a block scheduling format, breaking the day into two 110 minute classes and two more traditional length 55 minute classes for grades nine and ten. With block scheduling in place, instructors devoted more time to classes and to the individual student, increasing the opportunity for student success.

Framed within the block scheduling structure are initiatives which challenge previous approaches to education. Of these initiatives, clustering and integration proved central.

Clustering

"Blackstone Valley Tech's work to implement time and learning initiatives is unprecedented for a vocational-technical school. This kind of local success should be recognized, and should be replicated statewide."

Dr. Robert V. Antonucci
Massachusetts
Commissioner of
Education,
September 12, 1995

Clustering

Valley Tech completed its first full year of clustering and integration. Clustering occurs mainly in two ways: clustering of students and clustering of classes. Students are clustered according to career interests, abilities and subject matter. A student majoring in drafting, for instance, is placed in a tech cluster with students possessing a similar technical background. Teachers in any class, whether mathematics or English, shape curriculum to draw on information and experiences relevant to that cluster of students.

The classes themselves are clustered according to their shared qualities. During the first semester, students take English and history classes during the large blocks. The second semester, students take mathematics and science. In each case, students focus a majority of their energies within an entire semester of one interrelated, integrated subject area.

Integration

Part and parcel of clustering is the concept of curriculum integration. Valley Tech strived to integrate all subject matter, creating a seamless web between academic disciplines and vocational-technical learning.

Science classes shifted to an applied learning approach with an emphasis on laboratory work. Applied learning using components recruited from both mathematics and vocational-technical areas is now the backbone of the department.

Instructors were encouraged to create initiatives which integrate academic and vocational-technical learning, drawing on all aspects of the Valley Tech experience to educate students creatively.

Professional Development

To help instructors make the transition to new ways of teaching, a 60 hour per instructor per year professional development standard was adopted by all staff.

Learning through partnership

In a world and workforce defined by rapid growth, it is impossible for publicly funded schools to keep the same pace as the private sector. The technological and programmatic development occurring in private businesses, industries, colleges and universities inevitably outstrips resources of schools. Yet students must learn the skills necessary to compete, and high school must be the starting point.

PROGRAMS

Air Conditioning,
Refrigeration, Heating &
Ventilation

Auto Body

Automotive Technology

Building and Property
Maintenance

Carpentry

Culinary Arts

Drafting

Electrical

Electronics

Graphic Arts

Health Services

Industrial Manufacturing &
Welding Technology

Maintenance & Repair
Services

Office Technology

Painting and Decorating

Plumbing

To help prepare students with limited funds, Valley Tech conducts a series of innovative programs which partner young people with over 200 businesses, human service providers, higher education institutions and the government, providing access to both human and technological resources otherwise out-of-reach.

Cooperative Education

Some 70 seniors participated in the cooperative education program, an initiative that links eligible seniors with area companies. While in co-op, students alternated between the classroom and the worksite, continuing their academic work while gaining valuable on-the-job training in local banks, hospitals and software companies.

Faculty/Employee Exchange

Valley Tech forged new connections with companies, initiating a faculty/employee exchange program. Faculty were "swapped" with employees from area companies. Valley Tech faculty taught classes at local businesses, allowing employees to brush up on academic skills, and company employees and managers taught at Valley Tech, exposing students - and instructors - to developments in the workforce.

General Advisory Committee

Valley Tech created new partnerships through the General Advisory Committee. The GAC is a group of more than 300 area business and industry representatives who advise Valley Tech on program expansion, equipment purchases and curriculum development.

"As an organization with strong ties to the community, we realize that businesses and schools have a joint responsibility to educate young people."

Laura Bromwell
UniBank,
May 15, 1996

School to Careers Partnership

Valley Tech secured \$50,000 in federal funding to implement a regional school to career initiative involving 11 area school districts, local businesses, Chambers of Commerce, government agencies, parents and concerned citizens. With the funding in place, local partnership teams will initiate a series of programs aimed at helping young people better plan and prepare for careers. An additional \$450,000 is expected to be confirmed during FY 1997.

Tech Prep

The Tech Prep program is a blended academic and technical course of study, providing qualified students with the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school by establishing links with colleges, universities and training centers. Valley Tech expanded its Tech Prep program to include partnerships with over 35 institutions.

Partnership spotlight

"The work of these students matches or exceeds the quality of commercial products out there. Working with ARIEM, Valley Tech students are creating materials of genuine benefit to their community and country."

Dr. Steven Gaffen
ARIEM Research Scientist
April 23, 1996

A significant new partnership was forged with the United States Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (ARIEM), Natick, giving students access to research scientists and state-of-the-art medical equipment. Working closely with scientists, students helped design and construct a cell perfusion chamber, a device used by cellular biologists to study environmental illness or injury.

Integrating elements of design, manufacturing, science and mathematics, the project challenged students to tap their potential, putting their existing knowledge to use while exposing them to new and exciting experiences.

"This was a great experience. We were given specifications for creating the cell chamber, but were allowed to modify the design, bringing in our own ideas to make it better. In the end, we made a quality product. "

Bruce Smith
Grade 11
April 23, 1996

Learning through service

To prepare students for effective citizenship while providing them with practical experience in their fields, Valley Tech continuously engages in community service work projects within the district. The projects, ranging from the comprehensive renovation of town halls to the donation of hundreds of hours of volunteer time in elder care facilities, represent true partnership between school and community. In each instance, both the student and the community benefit from the experience.

Students helping students

A diverse group of Valley Tech students, from plumbing to health service majors, put their skills to use for the benefit of area youngsters. Culinary Arts students held a cooking exhibition for Miscoe Elementary students, who were learning about spices. Maintenance and Repair Services students constructed an environmental study dock for young people from the Woodland School in Milford, helping them collect samples from a local pond for science class. Members of the health services department donated time in local kindergartens, acting as student teachers to youngsters.

Students helping elders

Valley Tech students lent their time and talents to the elder community within the district. The Three Seasons Restaurant, a student and faculty operated on-campus facility, continued to be a popular lunch spot for area senior citizens, offering low-cost meals prepared and served by students. District elder care facilities also reaped benefits from Valley Tech students, drawing on technical resources for renovation projects and student volunteers for health service activities.

Students helping the community

Historically, Valley Tech has saved district towns over \$500,000 in design and labor costs by participating in a myriad of community service projects. Valley Tech continued this tradition, engaging in numerous renovation, construction and beautification projects for local municipalities.

"Valley Tech is committed to constant improvement - of the students, the faculty and staff, and the facility itself. We strive to make this school a better place to learn."

Jay P. Hanratty
School Committee Chairman
May 21, 1996

Improvement highlights

- Passed a \$7.4 million FY 1997 budget after an extensive informational outreach campaign executed by staff, school committee and school supporters.
- Completed emergency construction of 160 ft. section of the south wall of the school facility. Over 70 percent reimbursement is anticipated from the DOE.
- Participated for the second year in US First Robotics Competition in New Hampshire, a national robotics competition testing students' math, science and engineering skills. Valley Tech's performance improved by 50 percent.
- 9 percent increase in enrollment, bringing the total daytime student population to 882.
- VICA was once again a positive experience for students, who took home nine gold, silver and bronze medals from the state competitions. Two students were sent to the national competition in Kansas City in June.
- Installed state-of-the-art computer reading lab with 25 networked machines.
- 100 % placement of graduating seniors in jobs, the military, colleges and post-secondary employment and training programs.
- Continued to receive statewide recognition in reports and studies, including the Massachusetts Business Alliance of Education's (MBAE) education reform update and the DOE Report on Time and Learning.

- Held numerous symposiums, conferences and professional development sessions, maintaining the school's standing as a focal point for activity in the region.
- Held successful second annual Superintendent's Dinner, raising funds for technology.
- Held first annual staff appreciation picnic and first annual appreciation breakfast for bus drivers
- Adopted professional accountability standards for teachers and administrators.
- Held first annual Back-to-School Day, featuring local employers shadowing students for a day.
- Carried out summer works project, creating new classrooms, renovating shops and painting hallways and offices. Faculty, staff and student participation in design and labor saved the district some \$50,000.
- Hosted successful second annual sports and technology summer camp and first annual basketball camp for local youngsters.
- Initiated Summer Reading Renaissance Program which linked Valley Tech with 13 district libraries to engage area students in a summer reading program.
- Student council opened a school store, initiated a recycling program and held numerous fund raising and community service activities.
- Girls basketball and soccer teams won Colonial Athletic League title.
- Held Adult Education program featuring trade, practical art and college level courses.
- At the request of the Department of Education, shared Valley Tech student portfolio handbook to be used as a model for other school systems.

Funding The FY96 Net School Spending requirement for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District was \$5,700,009. This sum was funded predominately through Chapter 70 Aid of \$3,729,583 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the thirteen (13) member towns totalling \$1,970,427.

In the operation portion of the budget- but outside net school spending areas - the district had a budget of \$351,200 for transportation and \$32,181 for the acquisition of fixed assets. The total operation budget for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District was \$6,665,730.

In addition to the Minimum Contribution totaling \$1,970,427 the thirteen (13) member towns supported the transportation of the students with a transportation assessment of \$97,585 and the member towns supported fixed asset acquisition with an assessment of \$32,181. Additional assessment to the (13) member towns was \$429,487; Retiree Medical totalled \$110,000.

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District's debt obligation for FY96 was \$305,280. The debt obligation was funded by an assessment of the thirteen (13) member towns of \$305,280 which was allotted among the member towns in accordance with the District Agreement.

Grants Valley Tech supplemented its budget by securing additional funding sources, including local, state and federal grants. The grant monies allowed for quality initiatives at no cost to the district.

A total of \$381,715.00 was awarded to Valley Tech in FY 1996. The grants are as follows:

Expanding Reading Title I Distribution, \$18,951.00; Reading/Language Enhancement, \$60,970.00; Unified Media Project II, \$2,919.00; Health Grant, \$19,909.00; Time and Learning: Tech Education, \$9,332.00; Integration of Math in Voc Tech Ed, \$1,727.00; Addressing Substance Abuse, \$2,944.00; Perkins Tech Prep, \$3,500.00; Portfolio

Assessments, \$5,000.00; Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce: Project Grow, \$2,500.00; Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce: Mentoring Project, \$500.00; High Schools That Work, \$25,000.00; Perkins Improving Student Learning, \$132,964.00; School to Work, \$50,000.00; Math Study Group, \$3,000.00; Underground Storage Tank, \$42,499.00

Faculty and Staff Valley Tech continues to support a dedicated and talented cadre of professionals working together for the good of the students.

Current staff:

(1) Superintendent-Director (1) Assistant Superintendent; (6) Administrators; (36) Vocational instructors; (25) Academic teachers; (6) Special Education Teachers; (12) Paraprofessional/Instructional Aides; (1) Adjustment Counselor; (4) Guidance Counselors; (1) Library/Media Specialist; (2) School Nurses; (6) Custodial/Maintenance Personnel; (1) School Year Matron; (11) Food Service Personnel; (4) Full-time Secretaries; (6) Part-time Clerks; and (2) Business Office Specialists and a myriad of grant personnel.

New faculty and staff in FY96:

(1) World Language Teacher; (5) Teacher Aides; (1) Personal Care Attendant; (1) School to Careers Facilitator; (1) Computer Technology Analyst; (1) Cafeteria Worker; (1) MRS Adjustment Counselor/administrator; (1) Assistant Principal/Dean of

Governance Membership of the School Committee shifted when Uxbridge representative Peter Lynch resigned from the Board. Mr. Lynch, who was elected in 1994, was an active and vocal member of the school committee, serving on numerous subcommittees, and lending to the board a perspective based on years of professional experience in public education.

An interim representative will be appointed by the Uxbridge Board of Selectpersons and local School Committee members until the bi-annual state election in 1997.

Sharing a portion of the school's governance was the highly valued input of the elected School Council. The Council has met periodically throughout the year and they have concentrated on specific areas of concern including the design of the school improvement plan, refinement of the student handbook, professional development, community awareness and adoption of the school's budget. The School Council consists of the following:

Parents: Pamela Gallagher, Whitinsville; Raymond Quinn, Hopedale. Teachers: Joseph Yacino, Douglas; Lawrence Bonetti, Milford. Advisory Committee: John Gauvin, Sutton. BVVRSD Administrator: John LeBrun and William Mahoney. Student: Matthew Wall, Douglas.

Submitted respectfully,

Jay P. Hanratty, Chairman, Millbury
E. Kevin Harvey, Vice Chairman, Bellingham
Diane M. Paradis, Secretary, Grafton
Matthew C. Krajewski, Blackstone
Charles E. Randor, Douglas
Everett A. Young, Hopedale
John J. Knox, Mendon
Arthur E. Morin, Jr., Milford
Gerald M. Finn, Millville
Edward B. Postma, Northbridge
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton
Robert H. Snow, Upton
Peter L. Lynch, Uxbridge
Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick,
Superintendent-Director

**THE ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1996
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
AND
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am extremely pleased to present my first annual report to the people of Bellingham on the condition of their school department.

Since beginning on July 1, 1996, my first actions were to recruit talented individuals to share the responsibility and leadership with me, in addition to those individuals presently employed, to run the public schools. This was accomplished in the employment of Dr. Robert J. Gerardi, Director of Administration and Finance, Dr. Francis G. Driscoll, Coordinator of Curriculum and Professional Development, and Mr. Paul Bouvier as Director of Technology.

One of the most significant needs in the district was to assess the school facilities by doing an analysis of the present capacities, and to project the future needs. This analysis was completed by New England School Development Council and presented at a public meeting in November, 1996. It offered three options for the School Committee to consider. At the December School Committee Meeting, the Committee unanimously approved Option 1 which would construct a new high school on the current high school property and convert the existing junior-senior high to a middle school. Our next steps are to secure funding for an architect to develop preliminary plans and to bring the questions to the voters at the May Town Meeting. It is critical that we move as quickly as possible on this question as enrollment at the high school is predicted to grow rapidly.

We have appointed a Technology Advisory Committee which now has 4 sub-committees and has been meeting regularly. Technology in the Bellingham Public Schools is moving forward and by the end of this year, there will be a noticeable improvement in our children's use of their technology. We will also be seeking volunteers to assist us in our technology endeavors.

The School Committee and I endorse the development of exit tests for grades 3, 6 and 12 as will be developed by building administrators and faculties. The purpose of this newly conceived idea is to

determine what it is that the children have mastered at the conclusion of grades 3, 6 and 12. The results will be carefully interpolated and curriculum adjustments will be implemented where test results indicate.

The School Committee also supported having the high school physical education teachers' training updated in the Heimlick Maneuver and CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation). Starting in January, 1997 all juniors and seniors will be receiving instruction in these areas, as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

We have also reinstituted the required state-mandated evacuation drills for our school buses. These drills are for all students in grades K - 12.

In summary the Bellingham Public School are on the pathway for excellence and I would like to thank the citizenry of Bellingham for the opportunity of serving as your Superintendent of Schools. I have genuinely enjoyed meeting staff, students, and parents as I visit the schools and school events. I am very positively impressed the caliber of our dedicated, staff and proud of the quality of students in this community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Coffill, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT

The number of students who received services in our schools in 1996 was approximately 2520 students and the average daily attendance for all schools was 96%. This report will provide information about the educational programs and activities that have been conducted for students in all grades during the calendar year of 1996.

ENROLLMENT

As of December 31, 1996, 2574 students were enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 in our schools. This figure represents an increase in enrollment of 95 students. An increase of 5 students occurred at the elementary level, and an increase of 90 students occurred at the secondary level in grades 7 through 12.

ENROLLMENT IN BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ALL GRADES, END OF THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL

1980-81 - 3353	1985-86 - 2596	1990-91 - 2227	1995-96 - 2466
1981-82 - 3265	1986-87 - 2471	1991-92 - 2308	1996-97 - 2574
1982-83 - 3043	1987-88 - 2420	1992-93 - 2261	
1983-84 - 2867	1988-89 - 2300	1993-94 - 2311	
1984-85 - 2746	1989-90 - 2264	1994-95 - 2394	

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORTS

CLARA MACY SCHOOL - Mr. Ralph Garbart - Principal

The mission of the Clara Macy School which is to “provide every student an opportunity to receive the highest quality of education with a stimulating atmosphere in which to learn, and a nurturing environment to grow with respect to each other and self” has been successfully implemented this year thanks to an outstanding school staff and wonderful support from our school community.

The goals to accomplish this mission, developed by the Macy School Council, have given us the focus to provide our students with outstanding programs throughout this past school year.

Thanks to the support of our town, students in grades four through six were provided with updated teaching materials and acquired technological equipment in the form of new 486 DX computers and color printers in each classroom. Staff at those grade levels were provided with inservice instruction to enhance everyone’s knowledge of the new technology.

The Arts are always a priority at Macy School and this year was no different as all forms of the arts were successfully integrated into the curriculum areas. Additionally, we held our annual Arts Week in May with “Asian Adventure” as our theme. This very successful, week long program provided our youngsters at all grade levels with an insight not previously known to them.

Perhaps the most important goal we have at Macy School is to provide our children with a climate which allows each student to learn respect for all people. Our efforts are unwavering to create an atmosphere within the school where children feel safe, secure, and happy. The school climate is conducive to this secure feeling which, in turn, helps to create an environment for all students to learn.

A large part of keeping a school climate positive is having the school in terrific condition. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our great custodial staff, that is the case. With positive communication being such a high priority, we are fortunate to have a superb office staff who can provide everyone with the information requested.

Macy School has long had a very positive and cooperative relationship with various Town departments. That has continued this past year as several Town departments provided our students with programs and events designed to promote self awareness and safety.

Students at Macy School are fortunate to be instructed by a highly competent and most dedicated group of teachers. I am very fortunate as principal to be able to work with an outstanding group of educators.

A school is only as good as its students and that is what makes Macy School such a special place. All of us who work here are truly blessed to be able to work with such great students. Parents are to be commended for all of the help and support that they have given to us throughout the year.

It has been a very successful year at Macy School and all of us look forward to continuing to provide our students with the best that we are able.

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Mr. Joseph F. DiPietro, Principal

The 1996-97 school year has improved over the 1995-96 school year because of some staff additions. We are still experiencing severe budget constraints in the area of school supplies and materials. Money for repairs and maintenance is very much needed everywhere in the school system. Receiving one full time physical education teacher has helped our physical education program. In the future it is hoped all grades from Kindergarten to Grade 6 can all have reasonable class sizes. There are still some upper grade rooms that contain more students than should be experienced, our enrollment is increasing and our primary grade class sizes are increasing at a rapid pace. In the future, a full time computer specialist is needed for the school system. Everyone is doing their very best to give each of our children the best possible education. It is a challenge to teach with less materials and larger classes, but most professionals have accepted the challenge and are meeting the needs of our children. South Elementary School has a capacity of six hundred (600) students. At the present time our school enrollment is six hundred and twenty-three (620) students.

Our Superintendent of Schools, Robert G. Coffill, Jr., is very willing and able to lead us through the difficult challenges of the future. We marked our seventh anniversary of our new elementary school. We moved into the building November 14, 1989. Everyone is still excited and pleased with our new facility.

Open House

On September 19, 1996, we held a special evening for parents that was called "Meet the Teacher Night". We hosted approximately 1,200 parents who seemed to enjoy the evening. A number of favorable comments were received about our programs and teachers. Parents were very supportive of everything they observed and encountered. We received no negative feedback. We also held an open house for American Education Week, November 18th through 22th. We held parental conferences in November to discuss students' progress. A Science Fair was held the evening of March 27, 1996, displaying projects made by the students. This year's Science Fair theme was - "Our World of Scientific Discoveries". It was another spectacular success, bringing about many favorable comments. On March 26, 1997, South Elementary School will present another spectacular Science Fair with the same theme: Our World of Scientific Discoveries.

On December 4, 1996, a Multi-Cultural Expo-Melting Pot USA was held. It was another pleasurable educational experience for parents and our proud students with approximately 3,800 people visiting this evening extravaganza. It was the best attended program ever held at South Elementary School. Parents were very pleased and most complementary of everything.

Programs

The instrumental music program consists of 70 fifth grade students and 45 sixth grade students for a total of 115 students. Due to financial constraints we have been forced to reduce the number of students in the program. The instrumental music program is still functioning and a district wide band, comprised of all three schools, holds two concerts each year. The choir performs a winter and a spring concert in our

school. We have 85 students utilizing educational themes on Multi-Cultural programs. Students learn more than their music skills through this program.

Math-Their-Way is in its sixth year for kindergarten classes along with grades one and two. Teachers of those grade levels have received inservice training in this new math approach and are further developing this program. This concept of utilizing manipulatives is being used in many upper grades to increase mathematical reasoning.

A new Language Arts program called 'Won Way', under the direction of Dr. Rose Bradley, has been brought to us through a school grant. Teachers received special inservice training, along with classroom demonstrations, and materials. All primary teachers and specialists at South Elementary School are participating in this outstanding curriculum enhancement project. Since these new programs have been introduced to our school our State Assessment Test scores have risen to the present high level. We are all very proud to see our students doing so very well.

The computer program has also been affected by the budget crunch. Teachers are trying to utilize the computers in the school. Since some teachers have been trained and are experienced with the computers, our computer program will continue in a more limited manner. South School has been able to obtain a number of old computers through many sources for our primary grades. A parent has upgraded some of our older computers at no charge to the school system. Many of our computers have been given a second life. Our new 486 computers have arrived complete computer units for classes of grades 4-6. The PTO also purchased a computer for us, making the total of new computers to the school, twelve. 'Officer Phil' was presented to students in grade 1- 4, sponsored by the Bellingham Fire Department. It is offered to the students of Bellingham to teach them about safety. The Fire Department has also sponsored the "Smoke House" safety program for our students.

Our exciting Science program, which teachers have had maximum input in developing a curriculum that utilizes a hands-on approach supported by text books, is now in full swing. Teacher

interest and enthusiasm are an important stimuli to an effective and successful program. The Voyage of the Mimi program is enhancing our sixth grade science class for those eager to learn. The new Curriculum Frameworks will further enhance the Science Program for the future. We are utilizing the new Scott Foresman Reading program along with the McMillan reading program to enhance our reading program and raise the reading level of students in the primary grades for the future. The McMillan series has a linguistic approach to reading. Their phonetic skills are strengthened thus enabling them to deal with challenging reading materials. This program compliments Dr. Rose Bradley's 'Won Way' program.

The DARE program sponsored by the Bellingham Police Department, is offered for grade six students. The program is under the direction of Sgt. James Haughey. In the spring the police also sponsor a program for grade four and kindergarten. Our present DARE Officer is Officer Lee Rolls.

We have a new safety program called Kids and Company. This national grant-sponsored program will add to our student personal safety skills. We also have a new program called 'The Great Body Shop' that all students are participating in through our new Health Curriculum. This is a kindergarten through grade six program.

Free Materials

Our school tries to work with all parent and teacher groups in an effort to obtain everything possible for our students. Our school has also had great success in obtaining many free materials and programs. One is "Book-It" reading incentive a program for grades one through six. The purpose of this program is to encourage students to read as many books as possible. The children are rewarded after achieving each specific goal of this multi-level reading experience. We also had a free safety program demonstrated to the third, fourth and fifth grade classes by Boston Edison, a great deal of Science was also learned from this program. A number of free materials have been received this year on personal safety and drug education, due to the efforts of the PTO. Every effort is made to obtain any free materials. Our school has obtained science booklets from Radio Shack for grades three to six again this year. Many parents have brought in

school materials that they have obtained from their employers. This year paper has been received in large quantities due to generous parents as well as six computers for Kindergarten through Grade 3 classes. We welcome these gifts and thank everyone involved in a formal manner. The third grade is receiving a dental hygiene program from a local dentist.

Parent/Teacher Organization

The South District PTO officers are to be congratulated for the many activities, they have sponsored through their great leadership. Through active fund raisers they have been able to sponsor many worthy school activities; field trips for all students; cultural events for all students, school equipment, ice cream socials; sixth grade year book; sixth grade parties. The PTO organized a number of science programs that were enjoyed by all grade levels. The Acton Children's Museum was gracious enough to send a representative to the school on five different days to accommodate all of our grade levels. Our gratitude is extended to both the PTO and to the Museum. A PTO parent is helping with arrangements to get us on the Internet.

The ninth annual kindergarten graduation sponsored by the PTO was a major success with standing room only. Parents and grandparents, along with friends of the 'graduates' were excited and pleased with this program. The graduating sixth graders were presented with diplomas and yearbooks. The 6th graders were also awarded special school awards, as well as the National Presidential Scholastic Awards. This class received the largest number of Presidential Awards of any previous graduating class. We are very proud of them. The students really enjoyed the send off, they will be missed by those they leave behind.

The PTO has acted as an advisor to the principal on many school issues. This is very true of our kindergarten orientation and bus orientation.

Horizons for Youth is a sixth grade camp program that is also sponsored by the PTO. This program is another active organized committee that consists of parents interested in expanding their children's educational experiences through parental leadership working closely with our school.

The PTO has been a great supporter of our programs and has helped enormously in any effort of obtaining supplies, programs and materials for the children of South Elementary School.

PROJECT PRIDE

Project Pride was established to raise funds for our new school. Project Pride leadership is mostly consisting of very active and devoted members of our faculty who are supported by parents and the PTO members. Project Pride officers are to be commended for their outstanding leadership and accomplishments. This year they have supported the overage use of our risograph and copy machines. They also pay for the summer lease agreements. The school will benefit immensely from their generosity.

Self-Esteem And School Climate

Student and faculty birthdays are remembered and school gifts are given. Students are very excited about this self-esteem building program. Most faculty members also enjoy this attention and recognition.

This year we are awarding a "Student of the Week" certificate in recognition of excellence. This is to establish pride in oneself and our school. We have established a "Teacher Surprise" program. Teachers will receive morale builders periodically in their mail boxes.

We have changed our perfect attendance awards to include quarterly certificates rather than an annual award which has increased attendance and raised student pride and self-esteem. Every effort is being made through periodic classroom visits to encourage students to have pride in themselves, their school and their families. They are encouraged to always do their very best.

South Elementary School Council

In compliance with Educational Reform Laws, South Elementary School is holding a number of School Council meetings during the school year. The council consists of three parents, two teachers and a community (non-parent) member along with the principal for a total of seven members. Teachers and parents are elected for a one, two and three year term to the council. The School Council affords an opportunity for teachers, parents, and a community representative to review the school budget, develop

school goals and school improvement plans.

STALL BROOK SCHOOL - Mr. Robert Koenig, Principal

1996 began with a buzz of excitement. Our new modular wing was under construction, and students could watch the progress through windows. Then, work was completed, and the students in temporary quarters were relocated into their brand new rooms.

The new modular wing now houses our entire third grade, plus a resource room. It is connected to the main building through an interior hallway, making access very easy. The rooms are large and very pleasant.

Fall also saw Stall Brook begin use of a new language arts program. What a wonderful feeling to see 1997 materials take the place of worn out reading books, with copyrights from the mid eighties. Students are very enthused about their new books.

This program includes the use of authentic children's literature, with each classroom in grades one through six receiving a free library of ninety trade books to supplement new anthologies. Teachers received lesson plans for connecting reading, spelling, writing, and trade books to our other school subjects - even art and music!

The program includes spelling and writing that connects to the stories students read. Best of all, Bellingham received over \$130,000.00 in free materials to accompany the purchased anthologies.

I am very proud of the hard work Stall Brook did in field testing language arts books last year. We spent countless hours as pioneers, and led the way for each elementary school to be in synch in this important curriculum area.

I also obtained sample, updated math materials for our staff to review, and our upper grades now have the current resources to challenge our girls and boys, and get them ready for the next century.

As in past years, Stall Brook hosted the Summer Enrichment program for Bellingham elementary students. This four week session offers environmental education, art, music computer class, gymnastics,

and social studies. My own children participated, and can tell you what a wonderful time they had.

We have continued our partnership with the Forge Hill YMCA to provide after school sports for our students. This program began at the recommendation of our PTO last year. This year, students have had the opportunity to work on soccer, basketball, and street hockey skills right in our gym after school.

Our PTO worked with Dean Cooperative Bank to sponsor our school bank once again. Once a week, students have the option of making a savings deposit. They receive stickers and other incentives, and begin to develop a sense of budgets and financial goal setting. Special thanks to Joanne Willey for coordinating this fine program.

Our PTO gives every Stall Brook student his/her own book three times during the school year as part of the "Reading is Fundamental" philosophy to encourage young readers. Students enjoy choosing from many interesting titles.

The Stall Brook PTO also underwrites our field trips and cultural events during the school year.

We have great backing from the Bellingham Police Department for the D.A.R.E. course for sixth graders, which provides much appreciated support for students in making good choices as they grow into adulthood.

We are very appreciative of the town's support in funding our new modular wing. Bellingham is a town that treasures its children. It is my pleasure to serve them.

BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL - TONY F. POLITO, PRINCIPAL

The year 1996, was one of transition for Bellingham Memorial Junior-Senior High School. After 17 years of service as its Principal, Mr. Roger Canestrari retired. During a period of declining funding for the schools, Mr. Canestrari maintained a strong academically challenging school enveloped by a vibrant athletic and extracurricular program. Its academic success was demonstrated by the school's strong achievement in the Massachusetts Educational Assessment Program. Bellingham's 10th grade MEAP's scores have been among the best similar schools in Massachusetts. Strong, active student

participation was manifested in a creative and dynamic athletic program, which produced many league and some state championships. Also, a large number of varied extracurricular activities flourished under Mr. Canestrari's administration. During his tenure, the terms "school spirit" and "community service" were given considerable meaning by the actions of his students. The Town, the School District and the school are better places because Mr. Canestrari "passed this way." The school community wishes him good health and prosperity in his retirement.

In August, Mr. Anthony Polito succeeded Mr. Canestrari as the Principal. Mr. Polito had previously served as the Principal of Catholic Memorial High School.

PHYSICAL PLANT AND SCHOOL RESOURCES

School technology greatly improved during 1996. Zenith computers were installed in the junior-senior computer labs. Other computers were added to our library, resource room and guidance areas. Repairs and replacements were completed on the school marquee sign, gym floor, metal shop and intercom. Also, for improved traffic flow and safety, a new traffic island was installed.

FACULTY

In the fall, Department Supervisors were appointed for the areas of Mathematics/Science, the Humanities and the Unified Arts. This year has shown an increase in the number of faculty-led educational field trips. A Faculty Senate, to discuss issues of concern with the school administration, was inaugurated in October. The students of this school are very fond of its faculty, and the faculty feel very connected to the student body. Because of the close connection, the student body morale parallels that of the faculty--and both are strong.

STUDENTS

There is a high level of care and concern that students have for each other. Student leadership is dynamic, positive and effective. As previously mentioned, there is a high degree of spirit in the student body and a strong commitment to perform community service. In general students are very protective

and supportive of each other-- in the classroom or in the athletic arena. Older students are especially protective of the younger students. Because of this, 7th and 9th grade student transitions are easier than in most schools.

A Principal's Student Advisory group was formed in September. The leaders of all of the student organizations meet monthly with the Principal.

PARENTS

The Parents' Advisory Council or PACE (Parents/Administrators Concerned about Education) continues to be a very active group. They have examined many school issues during the year. The BEF (Bellingham Educational Foundation) is still working with teachers with regard to their training for the Challenger (Grades 7 & 8) Project.

ADMINISTRATION

The School Council has been very active in preparing and assisting in the implementation of the School Improvement Plans for the school year 95-96 and 96-97. Continuing issues under discussion during the year are: school budget, school wellness programs, and junior and senior high course offerings. Parent Glenna Laverdiere co-chairs the meetings. The Administrative Board meets bi-weekly to discuss important school issues and then advises the school administration on these issues. The Administrative Board consists of the Principal, Vice-Principals, Athletic Director, Guidance Director, SPED Coordinator, Department Supervisors and Junior High Team Leaders.

ACCREDITATION

In the fall the school began its two-year process for reaccreditation. The Co-Chairs are Mrs. Elaine D'Alfonso, Math Teacher and Junior High Team Leader, and Mr. Edward Fleury, Guidance Director. A Steering Committee was then appointed by the administration and the co-chairs.

The Statement of Purpose Committee, chaired by Mrs. Lorraine Kilburn, English teacher, gave questionnaires to over 400 students, over 400 parents, all of the faculty and members of the school

community. The questionnaires were sent to the University of Maine for analysis. We will receive a report in early January. The Steering Committee and the Co-Chairs have been actively communicating with the Administrative Board and PACE. The January report will be the basis for the construction of the School's Statement of Purpose.

The faculty has begun to work on Curriculum Guides. All Curriculum Guides must be completed by June 30, 1997 for submission to New England Association of Schools and Colleges--the accrediting agency. Departments will begin to assess themselves with regard to the Statement of Purpose as soon that committee finishes its work.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On April 10, 1996, 30 Juniors and 1 Senior were inducted into the Bellingham High School National Honor Society under the guidance of Mrs. Josette Trocchio, National Honor Society Advisor. Marsha Sangster, Systems Engineer at GTE Government Systems, served as guest speaker. The elegant candle-lighting and book-signing ceremonies were followed by a celebration dinner.

The departing Seniors had the opportunity to enjoy a weekend trip to Maine, in late May, with Mrs. Josette Trocchio, Mrs. Marie Cialdea and Mrs. Beverly Trimm as chaperones. They experienced the adventure of white water rafting and the joys of roughing it in the great Maine outdoors.

This was a fitting end to a successful year filled with community service projects ranging from a phone-a-thon to benefit the Massachusetts chapter of the American Heart Association to the Walk for Hunger in Boston, in May.

In June, 1996, National Honor Society members elected their officers for the 1996-97 school year. They were Joshua Frappier, president; Stefanie Christo, vice-president; Stacy Reckert, secretary, and Jessica Gulino, treasurer.

The newly inducted members of 1996 continued with the many and varied community service projects begun by former members. The National Honor Society, as a whole, also created and worked

extensively on new projects such as, Trick-or-Treat for the Needy; Pumpkin Painting and an elaborate Thanksgiving Feast at the local Adult Day Health Center; playing with the children at Wee-Folk, and painting spoons for project bread to benefit the needy.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

A summary of the 1996 Athletic Program showed that our High School Athletic Programs grew in participation with over 500 student athletes competing at the Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman and Junior High levels.

With the addition of lights on the football field the football, field hockey and soccer teams experienced playing in front of large crowds at night.

The anticipated new field complex, (which will include (1) football field, (1) field hockey field, (2) soccer fields, (1) baseball field, (1) softball field, new tennis courts, brand new track surface and facility) should be completed within the next school year to make Bellingham High School's athletic complex the best in the Tri-Valley League.

The winter season was very successful with the boys basketball (13-9) and hockey team (10-7-1) both qualifying for the state tournament. The girls basketball team (7-13) showed improvement for the future with their young team and the winter track team was very competitive with an overall 5-5 record.

The spring season saw the baseball (8-11) and softball (8-11) programs miss qualifying for the state tournament by just 2 games. While the spring track (4-3) finished once again over 500.

The Blackhawk Field Hockey Team (17-5--1) highlighted the fall by being crowned Division II State Champions, while the Volleyball team (19-4) was winning the Tri-Valley championship and capturing the Girls Volleyball Division II Central Championship. The football (5-6) soccer (1-16) and the cross country teams (4-3) were young competitive and showed great promise for next year.

LITERARY MAGAZINE

In 1996, poetry, short stories, opinion columns, interviews, new teacher biographies, editorials, jokes, drawings, horoscopes and cartoons appeared in The Eye of the Hawk. The Editor-in-Chief was Stefanie Christo, aided by Jillian Trottier as literary editor and David Mitnick as graphic arts editor. Alison Consoletti, Randy Geib, Theresa Journeau and many others contributed to the contents.

It was decided that the Hawk's focus would remain "literary" or creative, rather than redirecting the eye to a reporting or current events format.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM

The Mock Trial team completed another fine season of competition in the 1996 State Tournament sponsored by the Mass Bar Association. Bellingham High School has competed in this tournament for the past seven years. Over one hundred students have gone to court against other high school students as lawyers and witnesses in this activity.

This years' team returns to competition during the months of February and March arguing a civil case involving negligence and social host liability laws either as plaintiff or defendant. This years' team is led by captains Jennifer Fortin, Amie Milkowski, Beth Gianusso, Shannon Wernig, Rachel Bloch, and Jamie Thompson. The team's attorney coach is Laura Mann from Milford. This is her fifth year working with the team.

AUDIO VISUAL

New equipment added to the Audio-Visual Department during the last year included two overhead projectors, three cassette recorders, three V.C.R.'s and a VHS-C video camera. This was a positive step in rectifying a situation where the condition of our equipment had been deteriorating.

The new move toward advanced technology in this school system will also address the updating of our audio-visual equipment.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The 1996 school year was an active one for our music performance groups:

January: Six members of the band and chorus were selected to perform in the MMEA Central District Music Festival. Stacy Reckert and Robert Dubois received All-State Recommendations. Jr. high auditions took place for Central District Festival.

February: Four students were selected to perform in the MMEA Central District Jr. High Band. Stacy Reckert and Robert Dubois auditioned for the All-State Band. Stacy Reckert was chosen to play in the orchestra.

March: Band and Color Guard travel to Disney World to compete in Florida Music Festival (through fundraising efforts on their own and generous donations by townspeople). The band won 1st place in parade competition at MGM Studio.

May: Grade 7 and grade 8 performances took place in BHS auditorium. The annual Pops night in BHS gym took place with Bellingham Friends of Music president Mrs. Robert Daley as host and narrator. Band plays at Bellingham Memorial Day parade.

June: The band performed at Class Day and Graduation Exercises.

July: Drum majors, Color Guard members attended a week-long camp at U-MASS, Amherst. This Leadership Training was paid for by students, with scholarships from Friends of Music.

August: The week-long band camp took place at BHS for all members of the band and color guard. The band met the new Principal, Anthony Polito and Superintendent, Robert Coffill for first time.

September: The Band and Color Guard performed at opening ceremony for Bellingham Pride Day at the high school. The band and color guard performed at all home football game half-time shows.

October: The High School Band and Color Guard traveled to UMASS, Amherst to perform with 5,000 other high school band students at the UMASS/Boston University football game half-time show.

November: Central District auditions resulted in four BHS students selected to perform in music groups. Students selected were: John Ansell, Tuba; Shannon Werner, clarinet; Robert Dubois, trombone; and Stacy Reckert, oboe. Stacy Reckert and Robert Dubois again received all-state recommendations.

December: Trombonist Robert Dubois was one of six Central District students selected to perform with United States Air Force Band at its concert in Mechanics Hall in Worcester. Winter concerts were performed by all BHS music groups. Our Principal, Mr. Anthony Polito, made a surprise visit in a red suit and white beard, giving out candy to all and conducting the BHS band in a rousing medley of carols. In addition, the Band played concerts at all the elementary schools.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL 1996

This year's Student Council consisted of 66 members. Funds raised through student council activities were awarded as scholarships. The 1996 scholarship recipients were Cory Rooney and Danielle Rousseau.

The Student Advisory Council to the School Committee has 5 members. Michael Gasper was elected to serve as chairperson for the 1996-1997 school year. Jennifer Fortin and Jillian Maillet serve as Student Advisory Council members to the Board of Education. Jillian Maillet and Michael Gasper were elected to the School Council.

In September, Student Council members elected their officers for the 1996-1997 school year: Jennifer Fortin, President; Jillian Maillet, Vice President; Jamie Thompson, Secretary; and Daniel Calarese, Public Relations person.

In the Fall, Student Council organized the annual "Spirit Week", the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and the Christmas Toy Drive. Two council members were also elected to take part in the Massachusetts Student Government Day Program. They are Paul Jacques and Jillian Maillet.

students became registered voters through in-house registrations.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Numerous local civic groups and organizations make scholarships available to our high school graduates. Most scholarship applications are distributed and collected directly through the Guidance office. Any scholarships which become available (whether local, regional or national competitions) are advertised in the senior newsletters, on Guidance Bulletin Boards and in local newspapers. Students in the Class of 1996 were awarded numerous scholarships and are taking advantage of this financial assistance to further their education.

In addition to scholarships available to all graduates, the Guidance department also made available and coordinated the following special scholarship programs:

- Voice of Democracy Contest (open to grades 9-12)
- Hugh O-Brian Leadership Program (grade 10)
- Century III Leadership Scholarship Program (grade 12)
- DAR Citizenship Award Scholarship Program (grade 12)
- Presidential Academic Fitness Award Program (grade 12)
- AFL/CIO Scholarship Competition (grade 12)
- Lion's Club Oratorical Contest (grade 11 and 12)

DARE PROGRAM

In March of 1996, twelve senior peer leaders visited the three elementary schools to assist Police Sgt. James Haughey with his Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education program (D.A.R.E.) They met with sixth grade students to disseminate information and to share experiences.

NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR

Forty-two (42) students attended a field trip to the "National College Fair" on Wednesday, May 1, 1996 at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT:

On Wednesday, December 4, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. a "Financial Aid Information Night" was held for both students and their parents. The Director of Financial Aid from Framingham State College, Mr. Richard Dutilly, was the guest speaker, assisted by the Guidance Supervisor and staff members.

CAEER AWARENESS PROGRAM:

Our Career Awareness Program included varied speakers throughout the year as well as guidance sponsored field trips to schools and/or events. Speakers have visited classes from the ITT Technical Institute, Katherine Gibbs School, Baybank, Bridgewater State College, Mass Bay Community College, New England Institute of Technology, Bellingham Police and Fire Department, Blaine's School of Hair Design, Landmark Medical Center and Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island. Field trips have included New England Institute of Technology, Angelo's School of Hair Design, the annual National College Fair in Boston, Blackstone Valley Regional Technical/Vocational High School.

PEER LEADER PROGRAM:

Fifty-five students in grades nine through twelve are currently participating in the Peer Leader Program. Various students are involved in Peer Mediation (students helping students to resolve disputes), Peer Education (students informing students about social or health-related issues) and Peer Leaders (students providing academic and tutorial support to students of all grade levels). Peer Leaders are required to attend monthly meetings providing students with updated information on social and health related issues.

STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION:

In an effort to promote student participation in civic affairs, the Guidance Department Supervisor (Assistant Registrar of Voters for Bellingham) in coordination with the Town Clerk (Registrar of Voters), conducts a voter registration campaign annually. This year registrations were held on April, 10, prior to local town elections, and in October, prior to the Presidential election. Forty-nine (49)

budgetary restrictions need to be examined and adjusted to strengthen this fledgling course.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

STAFF:

The Guidance staff at the secondary level for the 1996-97 school year includes a Guidance Department Supervisor, two full-time counselors and a clerk. The counselor/student assignments for the current school year are as follows:

Grade 7	Mr. Leonard Gauvin (retired November 7, 1996)
Grade 8	Mrs. Barbara Flanagan
Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12	Student counselor assignments are shared by the department supervisor and counselors

CLASS DAY EXERCISES:

Class Day Exercises is an annual award ceremony conducted by the Guidance Department Supervisor, assisted by the Guidance secretary. This function is attended by the entire high school student body and faculty. Awards were presented in thirty-one categories last year. Awards may include medals, pins, trophies, books, plaques and certificates of merit. Over 172 students received recognition at this annual event held on June 1, 1996. This was the 58th annual awards program.

LOCAL COLLEGE FAIR:

The Bellingham Guidance staff, in conjunction with other local guidance departments in the South Central Guidance Association, assisted in hosting a College Fair held at Walpole High School on October 21, 1996. Over two-hundred colleges, technical schools, military and bank representatives were available to speak with both students and their parents

COLLEGE/SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES:

Over 130 college/university, technical schools and armed service representatives visit our school annually to meet with interested students.

MATH/SCIENCE COMBINED DEPARTMENT

The Mathematics and Science departments, including the Special Needs Teachers in those areas, are now under the leadership of Carol Manning newly appointed supervisor. Active curriculum revision and expanded inter-departmental projects are priorities at this time.

Staffing remained the same with two exceptions. Mr. Scott Holcomb replaced Mrs. Karmala Dharmapalan in Physical and Biological Sciences. Mrs. Kathleen Pizza-Ettl was added in October as a 3/5 teacher in 9th grade.

Professional development is alive and well in Bellingham High School. Three additional teachers received formal training for the Challenger Project. At least two others participated in summer workshops sponsored by professional organizations PALMS (Partnership to Advance the Learning of Math and Science) and N.E. Association of Chemistry Teachers. One individual attended the National Conference for Teachers of Mathematics. Two faculty members participated in a workshop relating math, textbooks/technology with education reform. Yet another individual took students to M.I.T. for a seminar. Special recognition to Mrs. Elaine D'Alfonso for completion of the Massachusetts Department of Education certification as a PALMS Teacher/Leader. This is another first for the Jr-Sr High School staff. This rather complete record of staff involvement is reflective of the professionalism of the total staff.

Thanks to the success of Mrs. Nancy Lehrs' pilot program last year, the Challenger experience is being expanded to include all 7th grade students. The inclusion of this interdepartmental project is an appropriate way to address some important Science and Technology standards in the D.O.E. Curriculum Frameworks. Thanks go out to the Bellingham Educational Foundation for continued funding and co-ordination efforts.

For the first time Advanced Placement Chemistry is being offered to a select group of seniors. The course is moving along nicely thanks to student-teacher cooperation. Time constraints and

There were also four QUEST Parent meetings held during this past year. Two were held in the spring for parents of 8th graders and two were held this fall for parents of 7th grade students. Approximately fifty to sixty-five parents showed up for each meeting. DARE officer Lee Rolls was a guest speaker at two of the meetings dealing with kids and drugs. QUEST parent meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend. The meetings are held in the High School Library from 7 to 9 P.M. All meetings are announced on cable TV.

UNIFIED ARTS

In 1996, there was a major reorganization of the various academic departments at Bellingham High School. One of the newly formed departments is the Unified Arts department. The department is composed of the following disciplines: Art, Business, Distributive Education, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Music, Quest, and Technology. Some of the major accomplishments were: (1) Four Physical Education Instructors became fully certified Red Cross and First Aid Instructors; (2) a second teacher became Quest Education Certified; (3) Technology students had access to the Reed Center Computers for the first time and (4) the department became actively involved with the MetroWest Tech Prep Consortium.

HUMANITIES - ENGLISH/SOCIAL STUDIES/FOREIGN LANGUAGE

It has been a least four years since we had department heads at Bellingham High School. This years introduction of clustered department supervisors has been an improvement. Department Supervisors can now coordinate budgets, act as resource people, and through department meetings disseminate information. They can also observe classes to insure the quality of curriculum dissemination.

As chairman of the Humanities Department Mr. Gerald Gayer oversees the Social Studies department as well as the English department and the Foreign Language department.

DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION

The Distributive Education Program (DECA) had 48 students enrolled during 1996. At the District II DECA Competition, twenty-nine students qualified for the State DECA Conference. Eighteen Students placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their respective competency or written events. The remaining eleven students placed fourth through sixth place. At the State DECA Conference, the Bellingham DECA students competed against 800 students from fifty Massachusetts DECA Chapters. Ryan Ratcliffe and Jessica GrandPre placed 1st in their respective written events. Denise Sciniciariello placed 2nd and Jennifer Brady and Shannon Smith placed 3rd in their respective written events. All five students attended the National DECA Conference in Orlando, Florida (May 2-6, 1996). At the National DECA Conference, Shannon Smith was a finalist (placed in the top ten in the Hospitality and Recreation written event). Denise Sciniciariello placed in the top 25 in Fashion Promotion written event. Jessica GrandPre also placed in the top 25 in the Fashion Promotion written event. In all the individual categories, over 140 students from fifty states, Canada and Guam competed. A total of 11,000 students attended and competed at this conference.

QUEST

In January of 1996, one hundred and fifty-five (155) eighth grade students were enrolled in the Quest program. From January through June topics discussed included drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse. Also, during this semester these students participated in the DARE program.

This fall almost two hundred (200) seventh graders were enrolled in QUEST. The seventh grade students were responsible for performing three (3) hours of community service before the Christmas vacation as part of their service learning project for QUEST. Sixty-five (65) QUEST students performed their services at the annual Wrentham State School Christmas party held at Assumption Church on Friday, December 13th. The rest of the QUEST students performed a variety of tasks to fulfill their three hour requirement.

GRADE 7 ORIENTATION PROGRAM

On Wednesday, June 12, 1996, thirty eight grade 10, 11, and 12 students conducted a three-hour orientation program for the grade six students from the three elementary schools. Sixth grade students

MASS MAJIC

One hundred and eleven (111) grade 10 and 11 students coordinated participation in Mass Majic, which is a testing program to help high school sophomores and juniors make more informed choices for the following years course selections. The main objective was to guide each student to the most appropriate sequential mathematics course as suggested by their test score and future plans. A letter of advice was given to each participating student. Mass Majic is run from the University of Lowell with no cost to participating schools.

GUIDANCE INTERNSHIP

In January 1996, a graduate student from Assumption College, began her second semester toward the completion of her Guidance Department Internship which consisted of 15 hours per week. Miss Lisa Ferranti completed her internship requirements for a Master's Degree in Guidance and Rehabilitation Counseling in May of 1996. In addition, this practicum completed certification requirements for Guidance Counselor and Rehabilitation Counselor in Massachusetts. Edward Fleury, Guidance Department Supervisor, coordinated the program in affiliation with Dr. Lance Carlucci, College-Intern Supervisor.

PAUL J. PRIMAVERA EDUCATIONAL CENTER

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the educational tools and emotional training necessary for students to develop The effective academic competence and problem solving skills with the ultimate goal of continuation to higher level education or entry into the workforce.

The Primavera Center saw many changes in 1996! Among these changes were the

renovations of the new wing and the newly developed jr. high program. These actions enabled the Center to increase the realm of services it provides, as well as, increase the student population.

Update perspectives are provided on the following categories:

ENROLLMENT

Since the start of the school year in September, the Primavera Center has serviced sixty-three (63) students. The enrollment breaks into: forty-three (43) Bellingham students and twenty (20) Out-of-District students.

The Primavera Center was proud to graduate four (4) students in 1996! Of the graduates, two are seeking additional training through Mass. Rehab., one is attending a Jr. College (with the aspiration of entering a four year college upon graduation) and one has entered into the workforce.

COUNSELING

Support services are provided through Community Counseling Center of Milford.

The Primavera Center also supports the internships of two students. The first, from Lesley College, is fulfilling his second year internship requirements in Expressive Therapies. The second, from Bridgewater State, is working towards School Guidance.

METRO SOUTH/WEST PROGRAM

This federally funded center services individuals in gaining economic self sufficiency through employment and training programs. Of the programs available from Metro South/West, the students at the Primavera Center utilize the Try-Out Employment (TOE) program. This program places a youth in an employment situation and exposes them to the real world of work. The ultimate objective of TOE is for the youth to be hired by the employer upon completion of the try-out period. During this current school year as many as ten (10) students from the Primavera Center will take full advantage of this agenda.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

As the Primavera Center staff continues the quest toward becoming a quality school, so their training continues. During the past year, the staff has continued to receive training in the areas of Reality Therapy and Choice Theory from Mr. Dave Moran, Sr. Instructor.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Under the new leadership of Superintendent Robert Coffill and the full support of the School Committee, the Primavera Educational Center expanded services to at-risk students in Grades 7 and 8. Currently the alternative secondary program serves 40 Bellingham students and 15 students from other towns.

Prior to the establishment of this unique, innovative, model program, our students were being served in expensive outside placements. The current estimated cost for our students to be served in outside placements would range from at least 1.5 million to over two million dollars annually, depending upon the cost for tuition and transportation.

The current year operating expenses for the Primavera Educational Center is only \$447,572. The reason for the low operational cost is due to the fact the program costs are supplemented by tuitions of students from other towns. The anticipated revenue for this school year (1996-97) is at least \$178,500.

The Special Education Program also has grants and elementary tuition income supplementing the town's budget. Funding from the Federal Special Education Grant is \$162,140. The Special Education Early Childhood Grant is \$25,250. Additionally the school received approximately in anticipated revenue \$44,000 from outside students attending special education programs in the elementary schools. Total supplemental income (including tuitions for the Primavera Center) off setting the special education town budget is \$409,880 for the 1996-97 school year.

TITLE I PROGRAM (\$121,041)

The Bellingham Public School System Grant funding for 1996-97 school year is \$121,041. In the last few years funding for the Title I Program has gradually decreased due to the poverty index formula. The program currently funds reading teachers at Macy and Stall Brook Schools to provide remedial reading services to students. The South Elementary School is presently not eligible for Title I funding. This program is not a special education program. It is a state-federally supported program to remediate reading levels of students by providing additional reading instruction by a Certified Reading Teacher. With the reduction of administration costs, the Title I Parent Coordinator position has been restored to improve parent involvement in Title I. Workshops will be started to improve parenting skills, assist parents in working with their children after school. Also, programs will be developed to have guest speakers address parents and staff to improve children's reading levels.

TITLE VI (\$4,413)

Grant funds from Title VI were used to add two computer set-ups including CD-Rom, color inkjet printer and a modem to connect to the Internet, at the Bellingham Junior-Senior High School Library.

CURRICULUM GRANTS (Eisenhower-\$5,292; PALMS-\$4,625 and Goals-\$2,000)

The Curriculum Grants were utilized for staff development, particularly in the area of adopting the state required curriculum.

Health Curriculum Grants (Health Protection-\$64,854 and Drug Free School Act-\$10,896)

The \$75,750 in grant monies were encumbered to continue to improve the health curriculum.

Early Childhood Grant (\$52,000)

In summary, the Bellingham School System received \$458,371 in grant monies to supplement the school budget.

BELLINGHAM SCHOOL PERSONNEL

<u>Position</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cen Off</u>	<u>Mem. Jr/Sr</u>	<u>Primavera Center</u>	<u>Macy</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Stall Brook</u>
Superintendent	1	1					
Dir. of Business Admin.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Special Education Dir.	1	1					
Dir. of Maintenance	1	1					
Dir. of Curriculum	1	1					
Dir. Of Technology	1	1					
Principals	5		1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Principals	2		2				
School Psychologists	1				.5		.5
Guidance Supervisor	1		1				
Guidance Counselors	2		2				
Adjustment Counselor	2		1		.4	.6	
Elementary Teachers	78.6				23.7	28	26.6
Itinerant Teacher	1				.4	.4	.2
Secondary Teachers	61.5		54.5	7			
Special Ed. Teachers	25.5		9		4	7.5	5
SPED Coord.	1	1					
Elem. SPED Coord.	1	1					
Nurses	3		1		1	1	
Teacher Aides	33		5	4	4	7	11
Library Assistant	3				1	1	1
Programmer/Technician	4		1	3			
Secretaries/Clerks	12	4	3	1	1	1	2
Bookkeeper	1	1					
Payroll Clerk	1	1					
Sub. Teacher Clerk.	1*	1					
Custodians	19	1	6	1	4	4	4
Cafeteria Workers	26		9		6	4	7
TOTALS	290.6	16	95.5	18	47.5	55.9	57.7

* Substitute Teacher Clerk works 15 hours weekly during school year taking calls from teachers for substitute replacements.

Federal, State, Grant Funded positions not included in above:

Chapter I - 2 Teachers

2 Special Education Teachers

Early Childhood Program for 3 & 4-year olds, 6 Teachers, 6 Aides and 1 Clerk.

Health Education Coordinator

Title I Parent Aide

BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1996

Grade	Macy	South	Stall Brook	Memorial Jr./Sr.	Primavera Center
K	59	82	65		
1	62	101	76		
2	61	96	84		
3	68	93	56		
4	72	79	57		
5	74	82	71		
6	58	65	71		
7				207	4
8				174	11
9				156	12
10				138	12
11				138	6
12				125	8
Sped.Ed.	15	26	8	5	1
Totals	454	620	504	943	53
Grand Total			2574		

BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC BUDGET SUMMARY

	No. of Partic.	Coaches Salaries	Equip ment	Game Offic.	1996 Home Pers.	Trans Porta.	Gate Receipts	Total	Student Cost
Football, Varsity	55	4,644	4,800	2,190	3,260	2,116	7,947	24,957	414*
Football JV	--	5,452	--	--	--	324	--	5,776	--
Soccer, B. Varsity	18	3,148	1,200	1,278	200	787	1,489	8,102	374*
Soccer, B. JV	15	1,996	--	--	--	--	--	1,996	--
Soccer, Girls	22	--	--	--	--	658	--	658	30
Cross Country	27	2,162	250	122	--	642	--	3,176	118
Volleyball, V.	15	2,296	1,200	1,340	300	1,575	1,623	8,334	285*
Volleyball, J. V.	15	1,839	--	--	--	--	--	1,839	--
Field Hockey, V.	22	2,682	2,000	1,662	200	2,953	1,3855	10,882	370*
Field Hockey, J. V.	24	2,079	--	--	--	--	--	2,079	--
Basketball, Boys V.	14	4,044	700	936	2,000	1,844	3,033	12,557	448*
Basketball, Boys JV.	14	2,250	--	760	--	--	--	3,010	--
Basketball, Girls V.	14	4,044	700	1,040	500	1,308	1,150	8,742	379*
Basketball, Girls J. V.	14	2,250	--	760	--	--	--	3,010	--
Ice Hockey, Varsity	19	3,583	9,000	832	1,000	1,172	1,328	16,915	820
Indoor Track, B & G	46	2,344	250	188	--	1,193	--	3,975	86
Baseball, Varsity	17	3,281	800	1,286	--	1,208	--	6,575	387
Softball, Varsity	15	3,281	800	594	--	755	--	5,430	362
Track, Boys	32	2,570	700	188	--	2,360	--	5,818	182
Track, Girls	30	2,570	700	--	--	--	--	3,270	109
Cheerleaders	14	1,218	--	--	--	--	--	1,218	87
<u>Total</u>	442	57,733	23,100	13,176	7,460	18,895	17,955	138,319	

(* minus gate receipts)

Subtotal	138,319
Administration	5,384
General Account	2,000 (TVL Dues)
Insurance	5,995
Reconditioning	2,663
First Aid/Tng Supplies	1,500
<u>Total</u>	155,861
Gate Receipts	-17,955
Activity Fees	-15,650
Revolving Fund Sup.	- 6,000
<u>Total Funded</u>	116,256

FEDERAL AND STATE PROJECT GRANTS

Listed below is a summary of Federal and State Project Grants received during the School/Fiscal Year of July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996.

ECIA CHAPTER 1

Title 1 Project Encouragement	110,484.00
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HANDICAPPED EDUCATION ACT, PL 94-142

Project Assist	160,465.00
Early Childhood Project (SPED)	28,200.00

MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE GRANTS:

Dwight D. Eisenhower K-12 Grant	5,156.00
PALMS Professional Development Grant	3,000.00

CHAPTER 188 GRANTS

Early Childhood Project	52,000.00
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DRUG FREE SCHOOLS ACT P.L. 99-570

K - 12 Programs	9,676.00
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MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Curriculum Study Group Grant	7,919.00
Title VI Distribution	5,402.00
Health Protection Grant	65,291.00

TOTAL FISCAL YEAR 1995-1996 PROJECT GRANTS

\$622,569.00

EXPENDITURES JULY 1995 TO JUNE 1996

School Committee Expenses	34,959.06
Superintendent and Secretary's Salaries	107,613.91
Superintendent's Supplies, Dues, Conferences and Travel	4,039.35
Bus. Manager, Clerical & Programmer Salaries	163,868.80
Bus. Mgr. Supplies, Dues, Conferences and Travel	8,357.86
Advertising and Postage	13,919.71
Director Of Sped. and Clerical Salaries	163,868.80
SPED Supervisor Supplies, Conferences and Travel	8,357.86
Principals and Clerical Salaries	13,919.71
Principals Supplies, Conferences, Commencement and Travel	1,913.87
Teachers, Aides, Substitutes & Tutors Salaries	6,588,045.66
Contracted Educational Services	77,374.27
Field Trips & Athletic Transportation	10,682.78
School Supplies	81,959.07
Teacher Travel, Conferences Fees & Dues	9,289.67
Professional Development	59,051.02
Instructional Equipment	1,983.11
Textbooks	126,420.08
Instructional Hardware & Software	25,515.46
Librarian and Assistants Salaries	85,619.18
Library Supplies	11,868.34
Audio Visual Director and Supplies	2,505.10
Guidance and Clerical Salaries	200,313.86
Guidance Supplies and Expenses	1,487.55
Psychologists' Salaries	93,336.00
Psychologists' Supplies, Travel and Medical	64,713.32
Safety Officer's Supplies	288.22
Physician and Nurses' Salaries	81,346.99
Health Supplies, Travel and Expenses	2,505.10
Athletic Salaries	58,280.20
Athletic Supplies, Insurance	36,110.91
Class Advisor Salaries and Supplies	12,793.00
Custodian Salaries	595,169.91
Custodian Supplies	24,472.34
Fuel	127,045.46
Telephone	41,878.42
Electricity	164,530.64
General Maintenance	192,428.29
Rentals & Leases	27,108.82
Summer Recreation Program	2,400.00
Capital Acquisition of Technology	48,913.04
Capital Acquisition of Equipment	24,456.52
Long Term Debt Interest	503.75
Special Education Tuition	319,560.02
Vocational Education Tuitions	59,632.00
Bilingual Education	9,995.71
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 95 - 96 SCHOOL YEAR	10,321,650.00
Regular Transportation	532,861.70
SPED Transportation	281,468.84
Vocational Transportation	16,425.00
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION FOR 95-96 SCHOOL YEAR	830,755.54

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TOWN OF
BELLINGHAM

1997

IN MEMORIAM



SUSAN M. BOUCHER
1948 - 1997
SECRETARY FOR THE HIGHWAY & FIRE
DEPARTMENTS FOR EIGHT YEARS



ELIZABETH A. LOWRY
1939 - 1997
FORMER MEMBER OF
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PARKS COMMISSION
BELLINGHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY



LEO L. MAYEWSKI
1937 - 1997
FORMER MEMBER OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

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Elizabeth A. Lowry (Deceased 8/28/97)

* State Appointee

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Theresa J. Marini	P-4	DEMOCRAT	Catherine Chofay	P-4
J. Eugene Corriveau	P-5	REPUBLICAN	Frances S. Kornicki	P-5

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Assistant Tax Assessor
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Daniel J. Ranieri
Ernest A. Taft
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Linda G. Lord	Debra K. Sacco
Grace M. Mazzola	Elaine Szamreta
Sheila L. Parker	Patricia A. Rotatori
Valerie J. DeAngelis	Marcia J. Swenson
Joanne K. McAneny	

VETERANS' AGENT AND DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Anthony D. Mazzola

VETERANS' GRAVE AGENT

Russell H. Chase

WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT

Nancy A. Bailey

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Regular Members

John S. Sikonski, Chairman
Alfred A. DaPrato, Vice Chairman
Robert J. Andrews
Morton J. BenMaor
Edward C. Clair

Alternate Member

Arturo G. Paturzo
Jeffrey Scornavacca
William J. Hermistone

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Florence M. MacLaughlin

ASSISTANT TOWN COLLECTOR

Barbara J. Gallagher

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

M. Kathleen Rooney

ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Nancy A. Bailey

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jacqueline A. Richard

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO D.P.W. DIRECTOR

Claire M. Fontaine

SECRETARY TO TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Catherine F. Creasia

CLERK TO INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Robin M. Keefe

CLERK TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Anne M. Matthews

CLERK TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brenda L. Bussey

CLERK TO PERSONNEL BOARD

Monice J. Trottier

CLERK TO PLANNING BOARD

Valerie J. DeAngelis

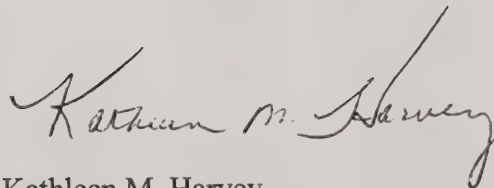
CLERK TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ann Goulet

CLERK TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Debra K. Sacco

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen M. Harvey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICIAL POPULATION STATISTICS

<u>CENSUS DATE</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
May 25, 1765	468
March 29, 1776	627
January 1, 1978	14,619
January 1, 1979	14,692
January 1, 1980	14,476
January 1, 1981	14,339
January 1, 1982	14,209
January 1, 1983	14,098
January 1, 1984	14,107
January 1, 1985	13,981
January 1, 1986	13,911
January 1, 1987	14,001
January 1, 1988	14,140
January 1, 1989	14,404
January 1, 1990	14,375
January 1, 1991	14,319
January 1, 1992	14,187
January 1, 1993	14,275
January 1, 1994	14,217
January 1, 1995	14,251
January 1, 1996	14,525
January 1, 1997	14,590

OFFICIAL FEDERAL POPULATION STATISTICS

<u>CENSUS DATE</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
August 1, 1790	735
August 1, 1800	704
August 1, 1810	766
August 1, 1820	1,034
June 1, 1830	1,102
June 1, 1840	1,055
June 1, 1850	1,281
June 1, 1860	1,313
June 1, 1870	1,282
June 1, 1880	1,223
June 1, 1890	1,334
June 1, 1900	1,682
April 15, 1910	1,696
January 1, 1920	2,102
April 1, 1930	3,189
April 1, 1940	2,979
April 1, 1950	4,100
April 1, 1960	6,774
April 1, 1970	13,967
April 1, 1980	14,300
April 1, 1990	14,877

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Bellingham
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

Norfolk ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham GREETINGS:
In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Town Elections to meet at:

Stall Brook School in Precinct #1; Clara Macy School in Precinct # 2;
Bellingham Public Library in Precinct # 3 and the Assumption Parish Hall in
Precincts #4 and #5 in said Bellingham on:

TUESDAY, the SIXTH DAY of MAY, 1997
Polls will Open at 7:00 AM and Close at 8:00 PM.

To cast their vote for the following:

Two Selectmen	For Three Years
Two School Committee Members	For Three Years
Two Planning Board Member	For Three Years
One Library Trustee	For Three Years
One Housing Authority Member	For Five Years

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each precinct of said Town fourteen days, at least, before the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-seven.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

John E. Tuttle, Jr., Chairman

James A. McElroy, Vice Chairman

Guy A. Fleurette

Jerald A. Mayhew

Ann L. Odabashian

RETURN OF THE WARRANT

Norfolk, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same in at least one public place in each precinct of the town, in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Date Posted: April 16, 1997

Paul Chupa
Constable of Bellingham

* - Denotes Elected

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 6, 1997**

**%
VOTES**

OFFICE & CANDIDATES **P-1 P-2 P-3 P-4 P-5 TOTAL CAST**

SELECTMEN (3 years)
TWO to be elected

JAMES A. MCELROY	117	155	230	199	250	951	51%
JOHN E. TUTTLE, JR. *	144	175	222	231	300	1,072	58%
ROGER H. OAKLEY *	173	243	188	215	300	1,119	60%
All others	1	4	2	1	2	10	1%
BLANKS	79	135	74	100	176	564	30%
TOTAL	514	712	716	746	1,028	3,716	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 years)
TWO to be elected

DONALD R. BURLINGAME *	162	240	227	249	353	1,231	66%
STEPHEN R. PATRICK *	181	257	301	293	337	1,369	74%
All Others	7	3	2	2	7	21	1%
BLANKS	164	212	186	202	331	1,095	59%
TOTAL	514	712	716	746	1,028	3,716	

PLANNING BOARD (3 years)
TWO to be elected

PAUL CHUPA *	168	235	275	273	341	1,292	70%
ANNE M. MORSE *	158	234	252	248	290	1,182	64%
All Others	6	5	0	3	7	21	1%
BLANKS	182	238	189	222	390	1,221	66%
TOTAL	514	712	716	746	1,028	3,716	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 years)
ONE to be elected

JOANNE K. McANENY *	186	284	304	286	371	1,431	77%
All Others	1	2	2	2	3	10	1%
BLANKS	70	70	52	85	140	417	22%
TOTAL	257	356	358	373	514	1,858	

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)
ONE to be elected

ARTHUR J. MITCHELL, JR. *	110	211	202	219	362	1,104	59%
TONI A. PICARIELLO	136	123	135	133	123	650	35%
All Others	0	0	1	2	0	3	0%
BLANKS	11	22	20	19	29	101	5%
TOTAL	257	356	358	373	514	1,858	

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STATISTICAL INFO. **P-1 P-2 P-3 P-4 P-5 TOTALS**

Registered voters by Precinct	1,593	1,661	1,636	1,690	1,693	8,273
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Votes cast by Precinct	257	356	358	373	514	1,858
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% of Votes cast by Precinct	16.1%	21.4%	21.9%	22.1%	30.4%	22.5%
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A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
of MAY 28, 1997 at 7:30 PM
(Including adjourned session of May 29, 1997 at 7:30 PM)

ARTICLE 1. OPERATING EXPENSES AND SALARIES

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the various Town Departments, for the period commencing July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998.

VOTED: Monies to be raised by taxation unless otherwise noted.

ITEM #

114	MODERATOR		\$	
		Elected Salaries		215.00
		Expenses		75.00
122	BOARD OF SELECTMEN			
		Elected Salaries		6,000.00
		Salaries		33,028.00
		Expenses		40,701.00
123	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR			
		Salaries		77,935.00
		Expenses		8,900.00
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE			
		Salaries		2,400.00
		Expenses		1,450.00
132	RESERVE FUND			
		Expenses		150,000.00
135	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER			
		Salaries		100,934.00
		Expenses		24,400.00
137	TAX ASSESSORS			
		Appointed Salaries		3,800.00
		Salaries		101,132.00
		Expenses		26,100.00
138	TOWN TREASURER			
		Salaries		54,931.00
		Expenses		34,475.00
139	TOWN COLLECTOR			
		Salaries		101,879.00
		Expenses		58,351.00
151	TOWN COUNSEL			
		Salaries		0.00
		Expenses		40,750.00
152	PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT			
		Salaries		1,680.00
		Expenses		310.00
154	MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS			
		Salaries		30,000.00
		Expenses		40,500.00
		Capital Outlay		100,000.00

156	TAX TITLE & FORECLOSURE	Expenses	0.00
161	TOWN CLERK	Elected Salaries	37,962.00
		Salaries	25,569.00
		Expenses	3,000.00
162	ELECTION & TOWN MEETINGS	Expenses	9,750.00
163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	Salaries	1,400.00
		*Expenses	6,845.00
<p><i>* The Board of Registrars is authorized to appoint one of its members, excluding the clerk of the board, to serve as Census Updater and to pay said Registrar \$9.00 per hour, not to exceed \$1,000.00 of the total Expense Budget.</i></p>			
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Salaries	4,000.00
		Expenses	2,780.00
172	PLANNING BOARD	Elected Salaries	5,000.00
		Salaries	6,129.00
		Expenses	18,411.00
173	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Salaries	2,135.00
		Expenses	910.00
180	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY	Expenses	1.00
181	AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION	Salaries	500.00
		Expenses	500.00
182	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	Expenses	1,000.00
189	PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE	Salaries	0.00
		Expenses	137,250.00
190	ON THE JOB INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE	Expenses	80,000.00
191	WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT	Salaries	3,000.00
192	EMPLOYEE SICK DAY BUY-BACK FUND	Salaries	50,000.00
193	PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE	Expenses	235,000.00
194	COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	Expenses	705,000.00

195	MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE	Expenses	105,000.00
196	TOWN REPORTS	Expenses	5,000.00
197	PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	Expenses	28,000.00
198	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	Expenses	30,000.00
199	DAMAGE TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	Expenses	1.00
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT	Salaries	1,398,469.00
		Expenses	85,100.00
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT	Salaries	800,507.00
		Expenses	49,900.00
251	TOWN INSPECTOR	Salaries	63,653.00
		Expenses	6,489.00
252	SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	Salaries	1,200.00
		Expenses	600.00
253	INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS	Salaries	20,546.00
		Expenses	525.00
255	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	Salaries	19,000.00
		Expenses	500.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL	Salaries	62,573.00
		Expenses	6,160.00
<i>(Note: this budget is shared with the Town of Franklin, Local Receipts for this budget will increase by \$19,000.00 to Total \$36,500.00)</i>			
294	TREE WARDEN	Appointed Salaries	4,232.00
		Salaries	3,720.00
		Expenses	1,555.00
299	AUXILIARY POLICE	Expenses	3,876.00
300	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	Elected Salaries	5,000.00
		Educational Exps.	11,969,213.00

302	BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC. TECH. SCHOOL		
	Expenses		85,113.00
303	SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION		
	Transportation Exp		875,000.00
421	HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION		
	Salaries		67,468.00
	Expenses		15,900.00
422	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE		
	Salaries		428,400.00
	Expenses		154,000.00
423	SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL		
	Salaries		20,000.00
	Expenses		80,000.00
424	STREET LIGHTING		
	Expenses		115,000.00
425	HIGHWAY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE		
	Expenses		49,000.00
426	GAS & OIL		
	Expenses		72,000.00
433	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		
	Expenses		705,000.00
439	SANITARY LANDFILL		
	Expenses		15,000.00
440	CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT		
	Expenses		172,000.00
441	WOONSOCKET WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT		
	Expenses		63,000.00
450	WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT		
	Salaries		372,969.00
	Expenses		422,500.00
491	CEMETERY COMMITTEE		
	Appointed Salaries		3,600.00
	Expenses		5,000.00
496	INSECT & PEST CONTROL		
	Expenses		100.00
497	DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL		
	Expenses		100.00
510	BOARD OF HEALTH		
	Appointed Salaries		800.00
	Salaries		55,318.00
	Expenses		19,590.00

541	COUNCIL ON AGING		
		Salaries	52,300.00
		Expenses	9,850.00
543	VETERANS' SERVICES		
		Salaries	6,000.00
		Expenses	17,250.00
549	VETERANS' GRAVE AGENT		
		Salaries	600.00
		Expenses	250.00
610	LIBRARY		
		Elected Salaries	525.00
		Salaries	182,534.00
		Expenses	93,992.00
630	PARKS AND RECREATION		
		Appointed Salaries	350.00
		Salaries	26,520.00
		Expenses	61,640.00
635	THEODORE ARCAND RECREATIONAL PARK		
		Expenses	1.00
650	HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
		Expenses	3,500.00
651	ARTS LOTTERY COMMISSION		
		Expenses	5,000.00
660	MEMORIAL DAY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS		
		Expenses	10,000.00
710	DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENT		
		Expenses	2,213,000.00
<i>FUNDING: \$2,113,000.00 by Taxation;</i>			
<i>\$100,000.00 by Ambulance Receipts Reserved</i>			
715	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST ON BONDS		
		Expenses	1,187,000.00
990	WORKMENS COMPENSATION TRUST FUND		
		InterFund Transfer	125,000.00
991	UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND		
		InterFund Transfer	10,000.00
992	GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND		
		InterFund Transfer	1,570,000.00
<i>NOTE:</i>			
<i>* All travel expenses to be paid at a rate of \$.21 per mile.</i>			
<i>* No travel expenses to be paid except upon receipt of vouchers showing date, expenses incurred, and the number of miles traveled.</i>			
	TOTAL		26,419,077.00

ARTICLE 2. CONVEYANCES AND EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and/or purchase conveyances or easements, sewers, water lines, retaining walls and streets, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to carry out said purposes; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and/or purchase conveyances or easements, sewers, water lines, retaining walls and streets, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 by taxation to carry out said purposes.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 3. PURCHASE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to authorize the D.P.W. Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 by taxation and to authorize the DPW Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 4. TOWN PROPERTY AUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute quitclaim deeds and other instruments thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute quitclaim deeds and other instruments thereto; said authority to expire June 30, 1998.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 5. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: D.P.W. Director)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 6. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State reimbursement; and expended under the direction of the D.P.W. Director; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: D.P.W. Director)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State reimbursement; and expended under the direction of the DPW Director.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 7. AMEND ARTICLE 1.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 22, 1996 by transferring the sum of \$450,998.00 as follows:

TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
131	Finance Committee	Salaries	\$ 300.00
189	Public Buildings Maintenance	Expenses	7,500.00
300	School Department	Expenses	15,000.00
422	Highway Construction & Maintenance	Salaries	5,000.00
422	Highway Construction & Maintenance	Expenses	40,000.00
423	Snow and Ice Removal	Expenses	137, 898.00
424	Street Lighting	Expenses	7,500.00
425	Highway Vehicle Maintenance	Expenses	5,000.00
441	Woonsocket Waste Water Treatment Plant	Expenses	8,500.00

450	Water & Sewer Department	Salaries	4,300.00
450	Water & Sewer Department	Expenses	65,000.00
710	Debt Service - Principal Payments	Expenses	150,000.00
901	Articles Fiscal - 1997 (901-68008)	Expenses	<u>5,000.00</u>
		TOTAL	450,998.00

TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>
303	School Transportation	Expenses	15,000.00
426	Gas & Oil	Expenses	10,000.00
440	Charles River Pollution Control District	Expenses	37,500.00
715	Debt Service - Interest on Bonds	Expenses	150,000.00
992	Group Insurance Trust Fund	Expenses	<u>238,498.00</u>
		TOTAL	450,998.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 8. CAPITAL OUTLAY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously.

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$241,000.00 as follows:

\$ 66,000.00 by transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserved;

\$ 50,000.00 by transfer from Free Cash; and

\$125,000.00 by borrowing; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with the High School Track Rubberization and the Blackstone Street Fields Expansion hereinafter described.

Further, that the sum of \$100,000.00 of said borrowing is subject to the application and awarding of a \$50,000.00 "Urban Self-Help Grant" which will reimburse the Town's General Fund.
Capital outlays as hereinafter described:

Ambulance Repairs	\$ 66,000.00
High School Track Rubberization	\$ 75,000.00
Blackstone Street Fields Expansion 50% Matching Grant (Phase 2)	\$100,000.00
TOTAL	\$241,000.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 9. REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53-1/2, of the General Laws to allow the following:

1. Town of Bellingham School Department to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$5,000) from revenues of energy and user fees and to authorize said funds for energy and user related expenses.
2. To allow the Bellingham School Department to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$125,000) from revenues received from services by the Alternative High School Printing, and to make payments for leases, supplies, and other related expenses.
3. To allow the Bellingham School Department the right to make payments for equipment, leases, supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Michael J. Reed, Sr. Business Center Wing of the Paul J. Primavera Educational Center from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$25,000) from revenues received from rentals of the Michael J. Reed Business Center to outside business groups and Adult Education Courses using the center as a computer training facility.
4. To allow the Bellingham School Department the right to make payments for supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Bellingham Early Childhood Program from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$100,000) from revenues received from student tuition paid to attend this program.
5. To allow the Bellingham Public Library Trustees to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from overdue books and video fines and to authorize the use for purchasing books, videos, library materials, and to make payment to temporary or part-time employees and independent contractors, not to exceed \$10,000.
6. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund from revenue received from the Arcand Park swim program and to authorize the use for swim program expenses not to exceed \$20,000.
7. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the operation of Silver Lake and associated charges and to authorize the use for the maintenance, salaries and other related charges of the lake, not to exceed \$20,000.
8. To allow the Parks Department to create a special revolving fund from revenues collected from children participating in the program to pay salaries and supplies associated with the "Summer Parks Program", not to exceed \$5,000.
9. To allow the D.P.W. to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the sale of compost bins and to authorize for the purchase of additional bins, not to exceed \$5,000.

10. To allow the Parks Department to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the "Bay Bank Lease" and to authorize the use for the maintenance of the Town Common, not to exceed \$10,000; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Committee, Library Trustees,
Parks Commission, D.P.W.)

VOTED: That the Town adopt the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53-1/2, of the General Laws which will allow the following:

1. To allow the Town of Bellingham School Department to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$5,000.00) from revenues of energy and user fees, and to authorize the use of said funds for payments on energy and user related expenses.
2. To allow the Bellingham School Department to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$125,000.00) from revenues received from services by the Alternative High School Printing, and to authorize the use of said funds for payments for leases, supplies, and other related expenses.
3. To allow the School Department to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$25,000.00) from revenues received from rentals of the Michael J. Reed Business Center to outside business groups and Adult Education Courses using the center as a computer training facility, and to authorize the use of said funds for payments for equipment, leases, supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Michael J. Reed, Sr. Business Center.
4. To allow the Bellingham Public Library Trustees to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$10,000.00) from revenues received from overdue book and video fines and to authorize the use of said funds for payments for books, videos, library materials, and to make payment to temporary or part-time employees and independent contractors.
5. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$20,000.00) from revenue received from the Arcand Park swim program and to authorize the use of said funds for swim program expenses.
6. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$20,000.00) from revenues received from the operation of Silver Lake and associated charges and to authorize the use of said funds for the maintenance, salaries and other related charges of the lake.
7. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$5,000.00) from revenues received from participants of the "Summer Parks Program" and to authorize the use of said funds for salaries and supplies associated with the program.
8. To allow the Department of Public Works to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$5,000.00) from revenues received from the sale of compost bins and to authorize the use of said funds for the purchase of additional bins.
9. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$10,000.00) from the revenues received from the "Bay Bank ATM Lease" and to authorize the use of said funds for the maintenance of the Town Common.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 10. TOWN HALL RENOVATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town for the purpose of financing the design and costs associated with the renovation and addition to the Town Hall Complex as planned by the architectural firm of "The Preservation Partnership"; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen/
Town Hall Building Committee)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,613,500.00 in the following manner:

\$ 400,000.00 by Transfer from Free Cash and;

\$1,213,500.00 by Borrowing; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Town for the purpose of financing the design and costs associated with the renovation and addition of the Town Hall Complex as planned by the Architectural firm of "The Preservation Partnership".

These renovations/plans to include:

Old Town Hall to Town Hall Annex Connector
Old Town Hall (Phase 1)
Old Town Hall (Phase 2)
Town Hall Annex Renovations
Landscaping, Parking & Driveway.

Vote by hand count: YES - 284; No - 101; TOTAL 385.

2/3 of 385 being 257, Motion Carried.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 11. BY-LAW AMENDMENT, SECTION 4.07 - 100

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.07-100 "Method of determining question when question is put", so that the same will read as follows:

"When a question is put, or on matters requiring a two-thirds vote by Statute, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by the voices of the voters and the Moderator shall declare the vote or the two-thirds vote as it appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide by the sound of voices or the show of hands, or if his decision is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, he may appoint Tellers to make and return the count; or act or do anything in relation thereto".

(By: Town Counsel & Town Moderator)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Section 4.07-100 "Method of determining question when question is put", so that the same will read as follows:

"When a question is put, or on matters requiring a two-thirds vote, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by the voices of the voters and the Moderator shall declare the vote or the two-thirds vote as it appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide by the sound of voices or

the show of hands, or if his decision is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, he may appoint Tellers to make and return the count".

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 12. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts Zoning By-law by deleting the words "Town Engineer" and substitute "Town Inspector" in Sections 1422A, 1422B, 1422C, and 1423; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Planning Board)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts Zoning By-Laws by deleting the words "Town Engineer" and substitute "Town Inspector" in Sections 1422A, 1422B, 1422C and 1423.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 13. APPROVAL OF DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to approve the amount of the \$750,000 debt authorized by vote of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee on January 16, 1997 for the purpose of financing costs of purchasing equipment, including computers and related technology and also including costs incidental and related thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 14. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of obtaining architectural design services for the construction of the proposed new Bellingham Senior High School and renovation of the existing Junior/Senior High School to a Middle School. If services are less than \$100,000 the remaining balance will be used for preliminary site approvals and testing; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Department/
School Building Committee)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried by hand count. YES - 45; NO - 4; TOTAL 49.

9/10 of 49 being 44 - Motion Carried.

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 by Taxation for the purpose of obtaining architectural design services, preliminary site approvals and testing; for the construction of a proposed new Bellingham Senior High School and renovation of the existing Junior-Senior High School to a Middle School. Said funds to be expended for design services and the balance, if any, will be used for preliminary site approvals and testing.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 15. LEASE AGREEMENT/PHOTO COPIERS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Department to enter into a five-year lease-purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing three photocopiers; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Department)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the School Department to enter into a five year lease-purchase agreement for the purpose of purchasing three photocopiers.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 16. COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$300,000 and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds by taxation, by borrowing, or otherwise and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds or notes of the Town therefore, for the purpose of financing the purchase of computer hardware/software and related peripherals for the School Department under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 28 and 29 of the General Laws. To raise and appropriate, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to issue General Obligation Bonds or notes therefore; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Department)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Laws Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000.00 by borrowing and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectman, to issue General Obligation Bonds or notes therefore, for the purpose of financing the purchase of computer hardware and software and related peripherals for the School Department.

Vote: By hand count: YES - 448; NO - 1; TOTAL 449.
2/3 of 449 being 299; Motion carried.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 17. RESTAURANT ALL ALCOHOL LICENSES

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact legislation granting the Board of Selectmen the authority to issue two additional Restaurant All Alcohol Licenses; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: That the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact legislation granting the Board of Selectmen the authority to issue two additional Restaurant All Alcohol Licenses.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 18. DEPOT STREET REZONING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bellingham Zoning By-Law by amending the Zoning Map, rezoning from the Residential District to the Industrial District approximately 13.5 acres, more or less, located on Depot Street, Rose Avenue, Judy Lane and Rose Avenue Extension, to

include all of the Lots shown on the Bellingham Assessors' Map 44 as Parcels 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 35, 45 and more particularly described as Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 17 on a Plan filed at the Norfolk County Registry District as Plan 29280L in Registration Book 352 Page 37 and Lot 10 on Bellingham Assessors' Map 44 more particularly described as a parcel of land situated off the westerly side of Depot Street and Rose Avenue in Bellingham, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, consisting of about ten (10) acres, more or less, and shown on Bellingham Assessors' Map No. 44, Lot 10. Said parcel is also shown on a plan (sheet 2 of 5) entitled 'Subdivision Plan of Land Bellingham, Mass.' dated March 17, 1960, prepared by Bowie Engineering Company, which plan is filed with Norfolk Deeds as Plan No. 1080 of 1964, Plan Book 217. Said parcel is shown on such plan as Lots 10 through 31, inclusive, Lot 39, and Keystone Lane and Rose Avenue; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 19. DEPOT STREET REZONING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

Rezone from Suburban and Agricultural districts to Industrial District an area west of Depot Street, comprising approximately 70 acres, being those portions of Lot 23 on Assessor's Sheet 38 which lie easterly of the centerline of the Boston Edison power line easement and northerly of a line parallel to and 200 feet northerly of the southerly property line of Lot 23 on Assessor's Sheet 38, as shown on the map "Depot Street Rezoning", dated February 23, 1995, on file with the Town Clerk; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner)

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws be rezoning from Suburban and Agricultural Districts to Industrial District an area west of Depot Street comprising approximately 70 acres, being those portions of Lot 23 on Assessor's Sheet 38 which lie easterly of the centerline of Boston Edison power line easement and northerly of the southerly property line of Lot 23 on Assessor's Sheet 38, said Lot more particularly described as per plan, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Vote: By Hand Count: YES - 310; NO - 76; TOTAL 386
2/3 of 386 being 257; Motion Carried.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 20. PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT - AMERICAN NATIONAL POWER

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen for and on behalf of the Town to enter into an Agreement between the Town of Bellingham and American National Power or its designee, regarding payments in lieu of taxes, upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town but in no case shall payments over the life of the Agreement be based on values which are less than the project's full and fair cash value; further, the Board of Selectmen shall be directed to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact Legislation to secure the Agreement, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such other actions as may be necessary or advisable; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions as may be necessary or advisable on behalf of the Town to enter into an Agreement

between the Town and American National Power or its designee, regarding payments in lieu of taxes, upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town but in no case, shall payments over the life of the Agreement be based on values which no less than the project's full and fair cash value; further, the Board of Selectmen shall be directed to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact Legislation to secure said Agreement.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 21. PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT - I.D.C.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen for and on behalf of the Town to enter into an Agreement between the Town of Bellingham and Infrastructure Development Corporation or its designee, regarding payments in lieu of taxes, upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town but in no case shall payments over the life of the Agreement be based on values which are less than the project's full and fair cash value; further, the Board of Selectmen shall be directed to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact Legislation to secure the Agreement, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such other actions as may be necessary or advisable; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions as may be necessary or advisable on behalf of the Town to enter into an Agreement between the Town and Infrastructure Development Corporation or its designee, regarding payments in lieu of taxes, upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town but in no case shall payments over the life of the Agreement be based on values which are no less than the project's full and fair cash value; further, the Board of Selectmen shall be directed to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact Legislation to secure said Agreement.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 22. MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Health)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 23. SWIMMING POOLS

To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-law as follows:

A. Amend Article 12.06 by adding the following:

- (e) All wiring performed on swimming pools must be permitted by a licensed electrician. Homeowners cannot pull permits for electrical wiring of swimming pools.
- (f) This Article and Article 12.08 shall be enforced by the Building Department. Penalty for violation of these Articles shall be a fine of not more than \$50.00 per day, each day constitutes a separate offense.

B. Delete Section 12.08.20.

C. Amend the body of Sections 12.04.020, 12.04.030, 12.04.040, 12.05.020, and 12.05.030 by substituting the words "Article" for the word "Section" in the respective paragraphs; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Building Inspector)

VOTED: Passed Over.

ARTICLE 24. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - NORTH STREET

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bellingham Zoning By-law by amending the zoning map as follows:

Extend the existing Residential District (R) on the easterly side of North Street by rezoning from the Agricultural District (A) to Suburban. An area bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point on the existing zone line separating the Residential and Agricultural Districts, said point being 300 feet southeasterly of Blackstone Street and on said easterly side of North Street;

THENCE Northerly a distance of 210 feet more or less along the existing zone line to a point on a stone wall at land of Gerald E. Cournoyer;

THENCE N 73° 37' 30" a distance of 7.82 feet to a point on said stone wall:

THENCE N 75° 36' 29" E a distance of 92.58 feet along said stone wall to a point at the end of said stone wall;

THENCE N 75° 36' 29" a distance of 88.60 feet to a point. The previous three (3) courses bounding along land of said Cournoyer;

THENCE S 25° 47' 10" E a distance of 570.97 feet partially by a stone wall to a drill hole at land of Anthony M. Jr. and Kathleen Ozella;

THENCE S 27° 20' 47" E a distance of 290.88 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE S 27° 11' 21" E a distance of 227.89 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE S 26° 52' 26" E a distance of 512.53 feet to a drill hole. The previous three (3) courses bound along land of said Ozella and said stone wall;

THENCE S 26° 59' 08" E a distance of 153.16 feet along said stone wall to a drill hole at the end of said stone wall;

THENCE S 28° 19' 34" E distance of 156.50 to a stone bound property of Dennis and Jean Roy.

THENCE S 46° 56' 00" W a distance of 396.76 feet along land of said Roy to a stone bound on said easterly side of North Street;

THENCE N 30° 09' 55" W a distance of 257.43 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 31° 22' 02" W a distance of 156.89 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 31° 15' 34" W a distance of 190.06 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 19° 09' 13" W a distance of 247.03 feet to a drill hole;

THENCE N 17° 08' 23" W a distance of 196.85 feet to a drill hole;
 THENCE N 22° 48' 32" W a distance of 112.45 feet to a drill hole;
 THENCE N 30° 41' 19" W a distance of 65.71 feet to a drill hole;
 THENCE N 28° 28' 14" W a distance of 262.80 feet to a drill hole;
 THENCE N 32° 21' 17" W a distance of 77.72 feet to a drill hole;
 THENCE N 30° 03' 54" W a distance of 163.65 feet to a drill hole;
 THENCE N 25° 50' 26" W a distance of 26.63 feet to a drill hole;
 THENCE N 27° 29' 47" W a distance of 84.44 feet to a drill hole;
 THENCE N 22° 41' 03" W a distance of 135.95 feet to point of beginning. The previous
 thirteen (13) course bounding partially by a stone wall and along said easterly
 sideline on North Street.

The above described parcel of land contains an area of 17.0 acres, more or less, to be rezoned; or
 act or do anything in relation thereto.

(Petitioner)

VOTED: Did Not Carry.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
 (Recommended by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 25. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - FARM STREET

To see if the Town will vote to rezone from industrial to agricultural all of the parcel of land
 shown on the Bellingham Assessors Map 7, Parcel 10, consisting of 1 1/4 acres, more or less,
 recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 697, Page 116; or act or do anything
 in relation thereto.

(By: Landowner)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 26. HISTORIC INVENTORY FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of
 Five Thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) dollars to be used only as matching funds for a grant to
 be sought and expended by the Bellingham Historical Commission, from the Massachusetts
 Historical Commission for an historic resource study, inventory, or plan. Said funds to be
 expended only after the application and awarding of a matching fund grant from the
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Historical Commission and
 Master Plan Steering Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 by
 Taxation to be used by the Historical Commission for a historical resource study, inventory, or
 plan. Said funds to be expended only after the application and awarding of a matching fund
 grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 27. SEWER EXPANSION IMPACT STUDY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how said sum will be raised so that the Board of Selectmen can hire a consultant to perform a study that will analyze the effects that redistributing the Town's treatment capacity will have on commercial and residential land development and population growth; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Master Plan Steering Committee and
Department of Public Works)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 by taxation and authorize the Board of Selectmen to hire a consultant to perform a study that will analyze the effects that redistributing the Town's sewer treatment capacity will have on commercial and residential land development and population growth.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 28. STREET OPENING PERMITS

To see if the town will vote to adopt a By-law to be added to Chapter 15 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS of the existing Code of By-Laws, for Street Opening Permits; as noted below.

Article 15.06 Street Opening Permits

Section 15.06.010 Definitions

"An Accepted Town Way" is hereby defined as a way that is the property of the Town, on which either a public travel way exists, or which has been voted by the Town to be an accepted way.

"A Public Travel Way" is hereby defined as a way that is routinely used to access more than one occupied property and was not created pursuant to Subdivision Control Law, General Law Chapter 41, Section 81K et seq. and the Town of Bellingham Subdivision Regulations.

Section 15.06.020 General

Before a Person performs any work on Town property known to be an Accepted Town Way, said Person must apply for and obtain a street opening permit from the Department of Public Works.

The Department of Public Works shall maintain Street Opening Specifications and Procedures.

The Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Public Works shall approve Street Opening Specifications and Procedures and all modifications thereto after holding a public hearing and soliciting comment from the public. Said hearing shall be advertised in two local newspapers (one day in each), fourteen days before the time of the hearing. Said hearing may be held during a regular Board of Selectmen's meeting.

The Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Public Works shall act as appeal board for requests and complaints regarding issuance of Street Opening Permits by the Department of Public Works.

All wetlands and other permitting applications are the responsibility of the applicant and must be obtained prior to the application for a street opening permit.

All materials installed and construction methods used for roadway improvement and repairs must be performed in accordance with the latest edition of the Massachusetts Highway Department Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges.

Failure to obtain a Street Opening Permit shall be deemed as trespassing and may be deemed destroying public property.

Section 15.06.030 Work on Town Accepted Ways that are Below the Maintainable Level for Adequate Access.

If a Person intends to construct a new dwelling unit on a parcel fronting on an Accepted Town Way that is below the Maintainable Level for Adequate Access as described below, the Person will be required to improve the street to the Maintainable Level for Adequate Access.

Minimum Standard for Maintainable Level of Adequate Access

WIDTH:

- For streets that are extensions or continuations of existing adequate streets; the minimum width of the traveled way must be equal to the average width of the last fifty feet of the adjacent adequate street, or sixteen (16) feet whichever is greater.
- For streets that connect two existing adequate streets; the minimum width of the traveled way must be equal to the width of the narrowest connecting adequate street. This width will be determined by measuring the averaged width of the connecting adequate street over a distance of fifty feet, the center of the averaging area to be the center line of the proposed traveled way, or sixteen (16) feet whichever is greater.
- For streets that branch off existing adequate streets; the minimum width of the traveled way must be sixteen (16) feet.

ROADWAY SURFACE AND SUBGRADE:

- The subbase pavement foundation must be a twelve (12) inch compacted layer of acceptable road gravel.
- The wearing surface must be one course of hot mix asphalt pavement with a two (2) inch compacted thickness extending to the edge of the traveled way.

OTHER REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS:

- The improvement must include a drainage system that is consistent with the Stormwater Management section of the latest edition of the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land", Town of Bellingham. (Section 43 as of 1/14/97)
- The improved section of roadway must not be sloped more than 12% (12 feet in 100 feet).
- If the road improvement does not connect two streets, a paved turn around must be constructed. The turn around must have a diameter equal to the entire width of the Town right of way, or 100 feet, whichever is less. The turn around must be constructed with the same Roadway Surface and Subgrade as the rest of the improvement.

Section 15.06.040 WAIVERS OF THE MINIMUM STANDARD FOR ADEQUATE ACCESS.

The Planning Board may waive strict compliance with the Minimum Standard for Adequate Access requirements only upon its determination, following consultation with the DPW Director, Police Safety Officer, Fire Chief, and Board of Selectmen, that the way in fact will be sufficient to serve the needs for access to serve potential needs of land abutting or served by the way in question; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Department of Public Works)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 29. WATER USE RESTRICTION BY-LAW

To see if the town will vote to adopt a bylaw to be added to Chapter 19. SEWER AND WATER

Article 19.03 WATER USE RESTRICTION BYLAW

This by-law is intended to regulate the use of water supplied by the Town of Bellingham Department of Public Works.

Section 19.03.010 Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a state of water supply conservation or state of water supply emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 19.03.020 Definitions

"Enforcement Authority" shall mean the Town of Bellingham Department of Public Works, having responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the water supply, the Health Department, the Town Police, Special Police, and any other locally designated body having police powers.

"Water Supply Emergency" shall mean a state of water supply emergency declared by the Department of Environmental Protection under M.G.L. c.21G, §15-17.

"State of Water Supply Conservation" shall mean a state of conservation declared by the Board of Selectmen or Department of Public Works Director pursuant to Section 19.03.030 of this bylaw.

"Water Users or Water Consumers" shall mean all public and private users of the Town's public water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility.

Section 19.03.030 Declaration of a State of Water Conservation

The Board of Selectmen may declare a State of Water Conservation upon a determination by a majority vote of the Board.

The Department of Public Works Director or his appointed agent may declare a State of Water Conservation if:

1. the level of water in the Chestnut Street Stand pipe falls to 65 feet;
2. the demand for water has exceeded the actual pumping capacity of the system for a period longer than four days; or
3. a mechanical failure has occurred removing one of the Town's wells from operation.

Public notice of state of water conservation shall be given under Section 19.03.050 of this bylaw before it may be enforced.

Section 19.03.040 Restricted Water Uses

A declaration of a State of Water Conservation issued by the Board of Selectmen or the Department of Public Works Director may include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements restraining

the use of water for non-essential purposes as necessary to protect the water supply, which shall be included in the public notice required under Section 19.03.050 of this bylaw.

- a) Odd/Even Lawn Watering Lawn Watering at facilities with odd numbered addresses is permitted only on odd numbered days. Lawn watering at facilities with even numbered addresses is permitted only on even numbered days.
- b) Outdoor Watering Ban Lawn watering, and all other forms of non essential outdoor water use are prohibited.
- c) Outdoor Watering Hours Outdoor watering is permitted only during off-peak hours, to be specified in the declaration of a state of water conservation and public notice thereof.
- d) Filling Swimming Pools Filling of swimming pools is prohibited.
- e) Automatic Sprinklers Use The use of automatic sprinkler systems is prohibited.

Section 19.03.050 Public Notification of a State of Water Supply Conservation

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the Town as part of a state of water conservation shall be published in two newspaper of general circulation within the Town, or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the state of conservation. Any restriction imposed under Section 19.03.040 shall not be effective until such notification is provided.

Section 19.03.060 Termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation: Notice

A State of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen upon a determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists. Notification of the termination of a state of water conservation shall be given in the same manner as notice of the state of water conservation is given.

Section 19.03.070 State of Water Emergency

Upon notification of the public that a state of water emergency has been declared by the Department of Environmental Protection, (DEP) no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition or order approved or issued by the DEP intended to bring about an end to the emergency.

Section 19.03.080 Penalties

Any person violating this bylaw shall be liable to the Town in the amount of \$50.00 for the first violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation which shall inure to the Town for such uses as the Board of Selectmen may direct. Each day of violation represents an independent violation. Fines shall be recovered by complaint before the District Court. Each separate issuance of a citation pursuant to this section shall constitute a separate violation. No more than three violations can be issued related to one property on one calendar day; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Department of Public Works
& Master Plan Steering Committee)

VOTED: That the Town adopt the following by-law to be added to Chapter 19. SEWER AND WATER as follows:

Article 19.03 WATER USE RESTRICTION BY-LAW

This by-law is intended to regulate the use of water supplied by the Town of Bellingham Department of Public Works.

Section 19.03.010 Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a state of water supply conservation or state of water supply emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 19.03.020 Definitions

"Enforcement Authority" shall mean the Town of Bellingham Department of Public Works, having responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the water supply, the Health Department, the Town Police, Special Police, and any other locally designated body having police powers.

"Water Supply Emergency" shall mean a state of water supply emergency declared by the Department of Environmental Protection under M.G.L. c.21G, §15-17.

"State of Water Supply Conservation" shall mean a state of conservation declared by the Board of Selectmen or Department of Public Works Director pursuant to Section 19.03.030 of this bylaw.

"Water Users or Water Consumers" shall mean all public and private users of the Town's public water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility.

Section 19.03.030 Declaration of a State of Water Conservation

The Board of Selectmen may declare a State of Water Conservation upon an affirmative vote by four or more members of the Board of Selectmen.

The Department of Public Works Director or his appointed agent may declare a State of Water Conservation if:

1. the level of water in the Chestnut Street Stand pipe falls to 65 feet;
2. the demand for water has exceeded the actual pumping capacity of the system for a period longer than four days; or
3. a mechanical failure has occurred removing one or more of the Town's wells from operation.

Public notice of state of water conservation shall be given under Section 19.03.050 of this bylaw before it may be enforced.

Section 19.03.040 Restricted Water Uses

A declaration of a State of Water Conservation issued by the Board of Selectmen or the Department of Public Works Director may include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements restraining

the use of water for non-essential purposes as necessary to protect the water supply, which shall be included in the public notice required under Section 19.03.050 of this bylaw.

- a) Odd/Even Lawn Watering Lawn Watering at facilities with odd numbered addresses is permitted only on odd numbered days. Lawn watering at facilities with even numbered addresses is permitted only on even numbered days.
- b) Outdoor Watering Ban Lawn watering, and all other forms of non essential outdoor water use are prohibited.
- c) Outdoor Watering Hours Outdoor watering is permitted only during off-peak hours, to be specified in the declaration of a state of water conservation and public notice thereof.
- d) Filling Swimming Pools Filling of swimming pools is prohibited.
- e) Automatic Lawn Sprinkler Use. The use of automatic lawn and garden sprinkler systems are prohibited.

Section 19.03.050 Public Notification of a State of Water Supply Conservation

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the Town as part of a state of water conservation shall be published in two newspapers of general circulation within the Town, or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the state of conservation. Any restriction imposed under Section 19.03.040 shall not be effective until such notification is provided.

Section 19.03.060 Termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation: Notice

A State of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen upon a determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists. Notification of the termination of a state of water conservation shall be given in the same manner as notice of the state of water conservation is given.

Section 19.03.070 State of Water Emergency

Upon notification of the public that a state of water emergency has been declared by the Department of Environmental Protection, (DEP) no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition or order approved or issued by the DEP intended to bring about an end to the emergency.

Section 19.03.080 Penalties

Any person violating this bylaw shall be liable to the Town in the amount of \$50.00 for the first violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation which shall inure to the Town for such uses as the Board of Selectmen may direct. Each day of violation represents an independent violation. Fines shall be recovered by complaint before the District Court. Each separate issuance of a citation pursuant to this section shall constitute a separate violation.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 30. TOWN CENTER ROUTE 140 BY PASS RESOLUTION

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to request that the Massachusetts Highway Department perform a feasibility study on the relocation of State Route 140, intended to create a by pass, which could eliminate the congestion at the existing Route 140 and Route 126 intersection, in the center of Bellingham; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Department of Public Works
& Master Plan Steering Committee)

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to request that the Massachusetts Highway Department perform a feasibility study exploring improvements which could improve the flow of traffic at the existing Route 140 and Route 126 intersection in the center of Bellingham.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 31. TEMPORARY REPAIRS FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE WAYS

To see if the town will vote to add the following by-law.

Article 15.05. Temporary Repairs For Certain Private Ways.

Section 15.05.010 Purpose

The Board of Selectmen shall consider any private way or portion thereof which has been open to public use for five (5) or more years for temporary repairs to be performed by the Town after having been petitioned to do so by at least seventy-five percent (75%) or more of the owners of abutting property. (Based on one vote for each abutting property and not the number of owners of a particular property).

Petitions must contain a statement that: "The undersigned agree to keep said private way or portion thereof open to public use for the period of years which is the life of the temporary repairs made pursuant to this petition".

Section 15.05.020 Subdivisions Excluded.

Excluded from the terms of this article are private ways created pursuant to the Subdivision Control Law, General Law, Chapter 41, Section 81K et seq. and the Town of Bellingham Subdivision Regulations.

Section 15.05.030 Criteria.

Temporary repairs shall be made on a qualifying private way only after the Board of Selectmen have determined that such repairs are required by public convenience and necessity. The Board of Selectmen may, after reviewing a petition, elect to have the Town perform temporary repairs on the entire portion which was petitioned for, or a lesser portion, provided at least seventy-five percent of the abutting property owners on the appropriate portion of the way are in favor of such action. In making its determination as to the public convenience and necessity and the advisability of making temporary repairs, the Board of Selectmen shall take into consideration the following factors:

1. The accessibility of to emergency vehicles such as police, fire and rescue vehicles.
2. The volume of traffic.
3. The number of years that the way has been open to the public (not less than five),
4. Such other relevant considerations the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate.

Section 15.05.040 Temporary Repairs Defined.

Temporary repairs may include the surfacing or resurfacing of a way, the installation and repair of drainage, the filling of potholes, depressions and ruts, temporary patches, and/or grading. The scope of work which can be performed will be no greater than that which has been done on the way previously.

Section 15.05.050 Assessment of Costs.

The Town acting through its Selectmen is hereby authorized to assess betterments upon the owners of properties which derive particular benefit or advantage from the making of such repairs on any such private way. Such assessments shall be a sum equal, in aggregate, to the total cost of such repairs, and in the case of each such property, assessed in proportion to the frontage thereof on such way, except as otherwise provided. The provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws relating to public improvements and assessments therefore shall apply to repairs to private ways ordered to be made under this Section; provided, that no assessment amounting to less than \$25.00 shall be apportioned, and no assessment may be apportioned into more than five (5) portions.

Where the cost of temporary repairs is less than Five Hundred and no/100 (\$500.00) Dollars per abutting property, the appropriate sum shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer prior to the repairs being commenced.

Section 15.05.060 Limitations on Liability.

The Town in making repairs under this Section shall not be liable on account of any damage caused by such repairs. Said repairs shall not be undertaken unless the Selectmen have in their possession Agreements executed by all abutting owners of the affected area to release and save the Town harmless on account of any damage whatever caused by such repairs. Such Agreements to release and save harmless shall be recorded in the Registry of deeds, and shall be deemed to be covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon all subsequent owners thereof.

Section 15.05.070 Town Not Responsible For Private Way.

No term or provision of this by-law, nor any temporary repairs pursuant thereto, shall be interpreted or construed to constitute acceptance by the Town of any duty, responsibility or liability for a private way or portion thereof or for the enforcement of any private right of any petitioner or abutting owner.

State Law Reference--Private ways; temporary repairs, G.L. c 40 sec. 6N; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Department of Public Works)

VOTED: That the town add the following By-Law to General By-Laws; Chapter 15. Streets and Sidewalks as follows:

Article 15.05. Temporary Repairs For Certain Private Ways.

Section 15.05.010 Purpose

The Board of Selectmen shall consider any private way or portion thereof which has been open to public use for five (5) or more years for temporary repairs to be performed by the Town after having been petitioned to do so by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the owners of abutting property. (Based on one vote for each abutting property and not the number of owners of a particular property).

Petitions must contain a statement that: "The undersigned agree to keep said private way or portion thereof open to public use for the period of years which is the life of the temporary repairs made pursuant to this petition".

Section 15.05.020 Subdivisions Excluded.

Excluded from the terms of this article are private ways created pursuant to the Subdivision Control Law, General Law, Chapter 41, Section 81K et seq. and the Town of Bellingham Subdivision Regulations.

Section 15.05.030 Criteria.

Temporary repairs shall be made on a qualifying private way only after the Board of Selectmen have determined that such repairs are required by public convenience and necessity. The Board of Selectmen may, after reviewing a petition, elect to have the Town perform temporary repairs on the entire portion which was petitioned for, or a lesser portion, provided at least seventy-five percent of the abutting property owners on the appropriate portion of the way are in favor of such action and costs as assessed as per Section 15.05.050. In making its determination as to the public convenience and necessity and the advisability of making temporary repairs, the Board of Selectmen shall take into consideration the following factors:

1. The accessibility to emergency vehicles such as police, fire and rescue vehicles.
2. The volume of traffic.
3. The number of years that the way has been open to the public (not less than five),
4. Such other relevant considerations the Selectmen deem appropriate.

Section 15.05.040 Temporary Repairs Defined.

Temporary repairs may include the surfacing or resurfacing of a way, the installation and repair of drainage, the filling of potholes, depressions and ruts, temporary patches, and/or grading. The scope of work which can be performed will be no greater than that which has been done on the way previously.

Section 15.05.050 Assessment of Costs.

The Town acting through its Selectmen is hereby authorized to assess betterments upon the owners of properties which derive particular benefit or advantage from the making of such repairs on any such private way. Such assessments shall be a sum equal, in aggregate, to the total cost of such repairs, and in the case of each such property, assessed in proportion to the frontage thereof on such way, except as otherwise provided. The provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws relating to public improvements and assessments therefore shall apply to repairs to private ways ordered to be made under this Section; provided, that no assessment amounting to less than \$25.00 shall be apportioned, and no assessment may be apportioned into more than five (5) portions.

Where the cost of temporary repairs is less than Five Hundred and no/100 (\$500.00) Dollars per abutting property, the appropriate sum shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer prior to the repairs being commenced. Any abutter, may, by paying the full amount of his share of the assessment, avoid the assessment of betterment on his/her land.

Section 15.05.060 Limitations on Liability.

The Town in making repairs under this Section shall not be liable on account of any damage caused by such repairs. Said repairs shall not be undertaken unless the Selectmen have in their possession Agreements executed by all abutting owners of the affected area to release

and save the Town harmless on account of any damage whatever caused by such repairs. Such Agreements to release and save harmless shall be recorded in the Registry of Deeds, and shall be deemed to be covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon all subsequent owners thereof.

Section 15.05.070 Town Not Responsible For Private Way.

No term or provision of this by-law, nor any temporary repairs pursuant thereto, shall be interpreted or construed to constitute acceptance by the Town of any duty, responsibility or liability for a private way or portion thereof or for the enforcement of any private right of any petitioner or abutting owner.

State Law Reference--Private ways; temporary repairs, G.L. c 40 sec. 6N.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 32. PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS/TAKINGS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, or take by eminent domain, for the purpose of realigning, and reconstructing a section of Maple Street at Route 140 (Mechanic Street) for roadway safety improvements, fee simple title and temporary construction easements or other such interests in land along the westerly side of Maple Street all as shown on plans prepared for the Town by ASEC Corporation of Quincy, Mass, to vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide payment of aforesaid purchase, or eminent domain taking; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 33. FAMILY APARTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bellingham Zoning By-law as follows:

1. Amend Section 2400 Use Regulations Schedule by inserting a new row directly above the row headed "Other customary accessory uses", to be headed "Family Apartment (see Sec. 4130)", with a "No" entry under "I" district and with a "BA" entry under all other districts, so that it reads:

	A	S,R	M	B-1	I
				B-2	
"Family Apartment (see Sec. 4130)	BA	BA	BA	BA	NO"

2. Insert a new Section 4130, to read as follows:

"4130. Family Apartment. A special permit authorizing a Family Apartment may be granted only if consistent with the following.

"4131. Development Requirements.

"a) Unit must be a single family dwelling to which the Family Apartment is being added, and must have been in existence and occupied under a legal Occupancy Permit at least two (2) years at the time of application.

"b) Any increase in floor area shall meet the requirements of Section 2600 without variance or Special Permit.

"c) The Applicant must acquire Board of Health approval that the sewerage disposal will be within the legal requirements.

"d) Parking shall be as required in Section 3300 for a two Family Dwelling unit.

"4132. Occupancy Requirements.

"a) Either the principal or the accessory unit must be owner-occupied.

"b) The remaining unit must be occupied by a family member of the owner(s).

"4133. Procedural Requirements.

"a) To approve a special permit for a Family Apartment, the Board of Appeals must make a determination that all of the above requirements have been met, and also that the particular circumstances of the case make such use appropriate, including consideration of:

i) whether lot area or other site characteristics assure mitigation of any impacts on the neighborhood;

ii) whether there is enforceable assurance that occupancy of the unit will serve significant community purposes, such as facilitating care for the elderly or handicapped;

iii) whether there is a financial hardship to the family;

iv) whether site and building design are within the character of the neighborhood.

"b) The Special Permit and a Certificate of Occupancy for a Family Apartment shall be issued for a period no greater than five years from the date of issuance and must be filed at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.

"c) A Special Permit for a Family Apartment may be extended for additional five year periods upon application to the Zoning Board of Appeals at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the Special Permit. An extension shall be given only after inspection and a written report by the Town Inspector that the conditions of the renewal have not changed since the initial application and the Zoning Board's determination that the applicant is in full compliance with Section 4130. Any extension given must be filed at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds within 30 days of issuance. Failure to file within the time period given shall nullify the permit given.

"d) Sale of the lot or dwelling that is the subject of the Special Permit shall nullify the Permit on the date of sale.

"e) Permanent Removal from the premises of the individual or individuals for whom the permit has been obtained shall nullify the Permit on the date of such removal.

3. Amend Article V Definitions by replacing the definition of "Dwelling, Single Family", and by adding "Family Apartment", as follows:

"Dwelling, Single Family - A detached residential building containing a single dwelling unit, or a single dwelling unit plus a family apartment as authorized by Section 4130."

"Family Apartment - An accessory apartment utilized by grandparents, parents, children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters or the property owner or spouse with the principal unit utilized by the grandparents, parents, children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters or the property owner or spouse"; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Master Plan Steering Committee)

VOTED: That the Town amend the Bellingham Zoning By-law as follows:

1. Amend Section 2400 Use Regulations Schedule by inserting a new row directly above the row headed "Other customary accessory uses", to be headed "Family Apartment (see Sec. 4130)" with a "No" entry under "I" district and with a "BA" entry under all other districts, so that it reads:

	A	S,R	M	B-1	I
				B-2	
Family Apartment (see Sec. 4130)	BA	BA	BA	BA	NO

2. Insert a new Section 4130, to read as follows:

4130. Family Apartment. A special permit authorizing a Family Apartment may be granted only if consistent with the following.

4131. Development Requirements.

- a) Unit must be a single family dwelling to which the Family Apartment is being added, and must have been in existence and occupied under a legal Occupancy Permit at least two (2) years at the time of application.
- b) Any increase in floor area shall meet the requirements of Section 2600 without variance or Special Permit.
- c) The Applicant must acquire Board of Health approval that the sewerage disposal will be within the legal requirements.
- d) Parking shall be as required in Section 3300 for a two Family Dwelling unit.

4132. Occupancy Requirements.

- a) Either the principal or the accessory unit must be owner-occupied.
- b) The remaining unit must be occupied by a family member of the owner(s).

4133. Procedural Requirements.

- a) To approve a special permit for a Family Apartment, the Board of Appeals must make a determination that all of the above requirements have been met, and also that the particular circumstances of the case make such use appropriate, including consideration of:

- i) whether lot area or other site characteristics assure mitigation of any impacts on the neighborhood;
- ii) whether there is enforceable assurance that occupancy of the unit will serve significant community purposes, such as facilitating care for the elderly or handicapped;
- iii) whether there is a financial hardship to the family;
- iv) whether site and building design are within the character of the neighborhood.

b) The Special Permit and a Certificate of Occupancy for a Family Apartment shall be issued for a period no greater than five years from the date of issuance and must be filed at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.

c) A Special Permit for a Family Apartment may be extended for additional five year periods upon application to the Zoning Board of Appeals at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the Special Permit. An extension shall be given only after inspection and a written report by the Town Inspector that the conditions of the renewal have not changed since the initial application and the Zoning Board's determination that the applicant is in full compliance with Section 4130. Any extension given must be filed at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds within 30 days of issuance. Failure to file within the time period given shall nullify the permit given.

d) Sale of the lot or dwelling that is the subject of the Special Permit shall nullify the Permit on the date of sale.

e) Permanent Removal from the premises of the individual or individuals for whom the permit has been obtained shall nullify the Permit on the date of such removal.

3. Amend Article V. Definitions by replacing the definition of "Dwelling, Single Family", and by adding "Family Apartment", as follows:

"Dwelling, Single Family" - A detached residential building containing a single dwelling unit, or a single dwelling unit plus a family apartment as authorized by Section 4130.

"Family Apartment" - An accessory apartment or principal unit utilized by Grandparents, parents, children, grandchildren, brothers or sisters or their spouses and children or the property owner or spouse.

VOTE: By hand count: YES - 68; NO - 16; TOTAL - 84
2/3 of 84 being 56, Motion Carried.

(Recommended by Planning Board)

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 34. MODIFICATIONS TO ZONING BY-LAW TO INCLUDE CONGREGATE HOUSING/ASSISTED LIVING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bellingham Zoning Bylaw as follows:

1. Amend Article V. Definitions by inserting the following definitions at their appropriate alphabetic locations:

Assisted Elderly Housing	One or more dwellings, regardless of structural type (single family, two-family, multifamily, congregate) which are structurally configured to serve the elderly, meeting then-current standards for publicly-assisted elderly housing and having no units containing more than two bedrooms; and for which there is publicly-enforceable assurance that the resident household will have a majority of members at least 55 years old, and for which there is contract assurance of support services, such as meals, housekeeping, social services, health services, or transportation.
Boarding or Rooming	A building, other than a congregate dwelling or a hotel or motel, where rooms (without kitchens) are rented to three or more persons by the week or longer, and meals may (or may not) be regularly served to roomers by pre-arrangement or compensation.
Congregate Dwelling	A residence for six or more possibly unrelated persons aged 55 or older, single or couples, with private living quarters plus at least 20% of floor area devoted to shared facilities, such as common rooms, kitchens, or dining, with or without shared housekeeping, dining, transportation, or other services.

2. Amend Article V. Definitions by revising the existing definition for "Dwelling Unit" so that it reads as follows:

Dwelling Unit	Living quarters for a single family, including up to two boarders at any one time.
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3. Amend Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule by inserting two new rows immediately below "Other multifamily", to read as follows:

	A	S,R	M	B-1 B-2	I
"Congregate dwelling (See Section 4410)	PB	PB	PB	PB	NO"
"Assisted elderly housing (See Section 2690)	PB	PB	PB	PB	NO"

4. Amend Section 2600 Intensity of Use Schedule by deleting footnote (f) and revising footnote (e) to read as follows:

"(e) For congregate dwelling, townhouse dwelling, assisted elderly housing, and other multifamily housing see Section 4400 Special Residential Uses."

5. Amend Section 3320. Schedule of (parking) Requirements (a) Dwellings to read as follows:

"(a) Dwellings:
Single-family detached: two spaces per dwelling unit;
Congregate dwelling: one-half space for every bedroom, rounded upward.
Assisted elderly housing: one-third space for every bedroom, rounded upward.
Other multifamily dwelling: two and one-half spaces per dwelling unit.

6. Delete existing Section 4400, and replace it with the following:

"4400. Special Residential Uses.

Special residential uses are Congregate Dwellings, Townhouses, Assisted Elderly Housing, Public Housing, and Other Multi-family Housing.

"4410. Congregate Dwellings. As provided in Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule, congregate dwellings may be allowed on special permit in all except the Industrial District. Such special permit shall be acted on by the Planning Board, subject to the following:

"4411. Minimum lot area shall be increased above that required for 'other uses' in Section 2600 by 25% of that requirement for each bedroom in excess of four.

"4412. The following information shall be submitted in addition to the submittal requirements of Section 1423:

- (a) A description of the proposed management of the facility.
- (b) A description of the services to be provided to the residents and how such services are to be supplied.
- (c) A description of all common or shared areas.

"4413. Approval of the special permit shall be based upon the criteria of Section 4465 Decision.

"4420. Townhouse Dwellings. As provided in Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule, congregate dwellings may be allowed on special permit in all except the Industrial District. Such special permits shall be acted on by the Planning Board, subject to the following:

"4421. Minimum lot area shall be 10,000 sq. ft. per bedroom, but in no case shall lot area be less than 20 acres.

"4422. Approval of the special permit shall be based upon the criteria of Section 4465 Decision.

"4430. Assisted Elderly Housing. As provided in Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule, Assisted Elderly housing may be allowed on special permit in all except the Industrial District. Such special permits shall be acted on by the Planning Board, subject to the following:

"4431. For units designated as 'targeted' by the Planning Board under Section 2690, lot area and frontage requirements shall be as specified in that Section, rather than Section 2600 Intensity of Use Schedule.

"4432. Approval of the special permit shall be based upon the criteria of Section 4465 Decision.

"4440. Public Housing. As provided in Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule Public Housing is a permitted use in all districts except the Industrial district. Public housing is exempt from the minimum requirements of Section 2600 Intensity of Use Schedule.

"4450. Other Multifamily Dwellings. As provided in Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule, multifamily dwellings other than townhouse dwellings, congregate dwellings, assisted multifamily housing, or public housing are allowed only:

- a) in the Multifamily District, or
- b) through conversion of an existing dwelling in any other district, upon determination by the Board of Appeals that the structure could not reasonably be used or altered for any other use (see Section 2400 footnote 10).

"4451. New Multifamily Districts (M) shall each be created only by vote of the Town Meeting amending the Zoning Map. Each such district shall not be less than 20 acres in extent, shall front for at least 500 feet on an arterial street, and shall contain not less than 70% vacant or agricultural land.

"4452. Minimum lot area for other multifamily dwellings shall be 40,000 square feet for up to four dwelling units, and 3,000 square feet additional lot area for each additional family accommodated.

"4453. Approval of the special permit shall be based upon the criteria of Section 4465 Decision.

"4460. Special Residential Use Requirements. The following shall apply to all Special Residential Uses other than Public Housing (Congregate Dwellings, Townhouse Dwellings, and Other Multifamily Dwellings).

"4461. Major Development. Special permits resulting in either 50 or more dwelling units or 100 or more bedrooms on that and abutting parcels which have been in common ownership at any time subsequent to January 1, 1989, shall be construed to be Major Proposals, and therefore may be approved only following concept plan approval as provided in Section 3400.

"4462. Bedroom Limitation. Not more than 10% of the cumulative number of dwelling units on the premises having been granted occupancy permits at any point in time may have three bedrooms (except assisted elderly, which may have none) and none may have more than three bedrooms, unless (except in the case of assisted multifamily) the Special Permit originally allowing the development explicitly authorizes occupancy permits for more or larger units. Said authorization shall be granted only where lot area will equal at least 10,000 square feet per bedroom.

"4463. Submittals. The application for a Special Permit shall be accompanied by six copies of:

- (a) a Site Plan including the items required under Section 1423(a) (but they may be at a concept rather than final level of detail);
- (b) a proposed staging plan, if building permits are not to be immediately sought for all units; and
- (c) a ground floor plan and architectural elevations of all proposed buildings, prepared by a registered Architect.

Those materials shall be circulated for review as provided at Section 1422(b). No special permit shall be decided upon within 35 days of such referral without receipt of advisory reports from each of those agencies regarding compliance of the proposal to local rules, regulations, and Bylaws as well as good practice within their area of concern.

"4464. Special Permit Lapse. The Special Permit shall lapse upon transfer of ownership or within 12 months of Special Permit approval (plus such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal referred to in Sec. 17, Ch. 40A, G.L., from the grant thereof) if a substantial use thereof or construction has not begun, except for good cause.

"4465. Decision. In deciding on a Special Permit for Congregate, Townhouse, Assisted Elderly housing, or Other Multifamily dwellings, the following more detailed criteria shall be used rather than those of Section 1530. Such Special Permit shall be granted only if the Planning Board determines that the proposal would serve Town interests better than would single-family development of the same area, considering the following:

- (a) Municipal costs and revenues.
- (b) Effect on the range of available housing choice.
- (c) Service to identified housing needs.
- (d) Service to current Bellingham residents.
- (e) Support for local business activity and jobs.
- (f) Impact on the natural environment, especially on ground and surface water quality and level.
- (g) Impacts on traffic safety and congestion, adequacy of water service, and need for school facilities.
- (h) Impacts on the visual environment through preservation or displacement of visual assets, and consistency with existing development in area.

"4466. Development Rate. In authorizing Congregate Dwellings, Townhouse Dwellings, and other Multifamily Dwellings the Planning Board shall establish an annual limit for the number of dwelling units to be authorized, taking into consideration the Town-wide building rate experienced over the previous two years and anticipated over the next half-dozen years, the needs which the housing will serve, the ability of the Town to provide services in a timely manner, the housing cost and feasibility consequences of the limitation, and the considerations of Section 3420 for Major Proposals. Such development rate may be less than but not more than that contained in the Concept Plan, if any, approved by Town Meeting."

7. Amend Section 2690 Targeted Housing by inserting ", or the dwelling unit meets the definition of 'Assisted elderly housing' in Section V of this Bylaw", so that Section 2690 begins as follows:

"2690. Targeted Housing. On special permit from the Planning Board, dwelling units may be designated as 'Targeted', provided that:

- "(a) either the development containing the unit qualifies to seek a Comprehensive Permit under Chapter 40B, G.L., or the dwelling unit meets the definition of 'Assisted elderly housing' in Section V of this Bylaw..." (remainder unchanged); or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Master Plan Steering Committee)

VOTED: Did not Carry.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

(Recommended by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 35. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to replace Chapter 7 of the Town By-Law entitled "Capital Improvements Committee" with the following:

Part A:

Chapter 7. Capital Improvements Committee

Article 7.01 Appointment

A Capital Improvements Committee of five members consisting of 2 Finance Committee members and 3 At-large shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen from members of the Finance Committee. Members shall serve a term (3 years) contemporaneous with their term on the Finance Committee. Re-appointment to the Finance Committee shall not automatically cause re-appointment to the Capital Improvements Committee. The Board of Selectmen may remove a

member or members of the Capital Improvements Committee. Any vacancy on the Capital Improvements Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the Term.

Article 7.02 Estimates of funds for capital improvements

The Capital Improvements Committee shall study those capital improvements as defined in Article 1.02 that are above \$100,000. The Selectmen and all Boards, Committees, Head of Departments or other officers of the town authorized by law to expend money shall furnish to the Capital Improvements Committee, with their annual budget requests, detailed estimates of the amount necessary for capital improvements for the departments under their jurisdiction for at least the following five (5) years.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall consider the relative need, timing and cost, completeness of the planning, community support, availability of outside funding, and other factors. The Capital Improvements Committee shall deem appropriate to the individual expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position to the town.

Article 7.03 Preparation of Annual Report and five year capital program.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall maintain an ongoing five year Capital Improvement budget which shall be published yearly in the Annual Town Report and be on file at all times in the office of Town Clerk.

Article 7.04 Presentation to Town Meeting

The Capital Improvements Committee shall schedule capital improvement projects for presentation to the October Town Meeting and other Town Meetings as deemed appropriate.

Article 7.05 Stabilization Fund

All requests for transfers or expenditures from the Stabilization Fund must be presented to The Capital Improvements Committee prior to the Town Meeting at which such transfer or expenditures are to be voted and the Capital Improvement Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting on the amount and appropriateness of all such transfers or expenditures from this fund.

Part B:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the second sentence of Article 6.01 of the Town By-Laws with the following: No elected or appointed Town Officer or Town employee, other than a member of the Personnel Board or the Capital Improvements Committee, shall be eligible to serve on said Committee; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Master Plan Steering Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town replace Chapter 7 of the Town By-Law entitled "Capital Improvements Committee" with the following:

Part A:

Chapter 7. Capital Improvements Committee

Article 7.01 Appointment.

A Capital Improvements Committee of five members consisting of 2 Finance Committee members and 3 At-large shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Members shall serve a term (3 years) contemporaneous with their term on the Finance Committee. Re-appointment to the Finance Committees shall not automatically cause re-appointment to the Capital

Improvements Committee. The Board of Selectmen may remove a member or members of the Capital Improvements Committee. Any vacancy on the Capital Improvements Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the Term.

Article 7.02 Estimates of funds for capital improvements

The Capital Improvements Committee shall study those capital improvements as defined in Article 1.02 that are above \$100,000. The Selectmen and all Boards, Committees, Head of Departments or other officers of the town authorized by law to expend money shall furnish to the Capital Improvements Committee, with their annual budget requests, detailed estimates of the amount necessary for capital improvements for the departments under their jurisdiction for at least the following five (5) years.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall consider the relative need, timing and cost, completeness of the planning, community support, availability of outside funding, and other factors. The Capital Improvements Committee shall deem appropriate to the individual expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position to the town.

Article 7.03 Preparation of Annual Report and five year capital program.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall maintain an ongoing five year Capital Improvement budget which shall be published yearly in the Annual Town Report and be on file at all times in the office of Town Clerk.

Article 7.04 Presentation to Town Meeting.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall schedule capital improvement projects for presentation to the October Town Meeting and other Town Meetings as deemed appropriate.

Article 7.05 Stabilization Fund

All requests for transfers or expenditures from the Stabilization Fund must be presented to the Capital Improvements Committee prior to the Town Meeting at which such transfer or expenditures are to be voted and the Capital Improvement Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting on the amount and appropriateness of all such transfers or expenditures from this fund.

Part B:

Also Unanimously voted that the Town amend the second sentence of Article 6.01 of the Town By-Laws with the following: "No elected or appointed Town Officer or Town employee, other than a member of the Personnel Board or the Capital Improvements Committee, shall be eligible to serve on said Committee".

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 36. ELDERLY ABATEMENT PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of implementing an Elderly Abatement Program for Fiscal 1998; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 by taxation for the purpose of implementing an Elderly Abatement Program for Fiscal 1998.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 37. UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum for money for the payment of certain unpaid bills; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 38. STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Passed over.

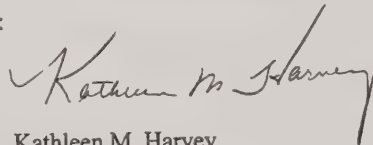
ATTENDANCE:

	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTALS
1st Session of May 28, 1997:	85	130	98	82	54	449
2nd Session of May 29, 1997:	25	31	38	24	14	132
No Quorum Required.						

Warrant dissolved at 10:10 PM on May 29, 1997.

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

**FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 1997
at 7:30 PM**

ARTICLE 1. AMEND ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously.

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Article 1 of the May, 1997 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$224,000.00 as follows:

FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

Item #		
172	Planning Board - Salaries	\$ 4,000.00
300	School Department Educational Expenses	100,000.00
422	Highway Construction & Maintenance - Salaries	10,000.00
422	Highway Construction & Maintenance - Expenses	45,000.00
450	Water & Sewer Department - Expenses	35,000.00
630	Parks & Recreation - Salaries	5,000.00
630	Parks & Recreation - Expenses	<u>25,000.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 224,000.00

FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

Item #		
172	Planning Board - Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
193	Property and Liability Insurance	50,000.00
992	Group Insurance Trust Funds	<u>170,000.00</u>
		\$ 224,000.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 2. CAPITAL OUTLAY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction,

reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously.

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,173,800.00 as follows:

Transfer from Free Cash	\$ 1,598,800.00
Transfer from Overlay Surplus	130,000.00
Transfer from Annual Town Meeting of May 27, 1987 Article 15 Phase II Sewer Project	400,000.00
By Borrowing	45,000.00

And the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the costs associated with purchasing a D.P.W. Utility/Plow Truck.

CAPITAL OUTLAYS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Board of Assessors	Property Revaluation	\$ 30,000.00
Management Information Systems	GIS Mapping (year 3)	100,000.00
Town Elections	Voting Machines	30,000.00
Conservation Commission	Land Acquisition Trust	10,000.00
Public Buildings Maintenance	Town Hall Renovations	1,000,000.00

and vote to authorize the rescission of \$1,000,000.00 in Borrowing authorized under Article 10 "Town Hall Renovation" of the May, 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

Police Department	Two Marked Cruiser's	51,000.00
Fire Department	4-Wheel Drive Vehicle	33,000.00
	Thermal Imaging Camera	25,000.00
	Protective Clothing	12,800.00
	Large Diameter Hose	8,500.00
	Vehicle Radio Repeaters	4,000.00
Animal Control	Utility Truck	20,000.00
Auxiliary Police	Portable Radios	3,500.00
DPW - Highway	Utility & Plow Truck	45,000.00
	Patch & Plow Truck	45,000.00
DPW Water/Sewer	Engineering Sewer Phase 3	400,000.00
	Paint Standpipe (Watertank)	200,000.00
	Utility Truck	36,000.00
	Drainage Projects	30,000.00

Council on Aging	Accessible Van	35,000.00
Parks & Recreation	Utility Truck	15,000.00
Stall Brook Elementary	Repairs/Improvements	<u>40,000.00</u>
TOTAL		2,173,800.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 3. STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town transfer \$500,000.00 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

(Recommended By Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 4. UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum for money for the payment of certain unpaid bills; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town transfer \$6,194.44 from Free Cash for the payment of the following unpaid bills:

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
198	Insurance Deductible	U-Haul (school lunch van replacement)	\$ 1,103.62
251	Town Inspector	Staples (office supplies)	96.67
422	DPW - Highway	Paul Tagliaferri (employee fund)	40.00
450	DPW - Water & Sewer	R. E. Erickson Co. (configure flow recorder)	764.41
650	Historical Commission	Ernest Taft (office supplies)	7.44
660	Memorial & Veterans' Day Committee		
		Town of Bellingham (school custodian)	120.52
189	Public Buildings Maint.	Home Depot (construction supplies)	862.40
198	Insurance Deductible	Mersine Florio (tire replacement)	132.34
300	School Department	Framingham State College (McAuliffe Center)	3,000.00
424	Street Lighting	Richard D. Marcoux (repairs & clock reset)	<u>67.04</u>
TOTAL			\$ 6,194.44

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 5. BLACKSTONE VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition Congress to enact legislation which will include Bellingham as a member of the Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to petition Congress to enact legislation which will include Bellingham as a member of the Blackstone Valley National Heritage Corridor.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 6. TOWN COMMON TRUSTEES

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature to amend the Town Charter by adding a committee to be known as Town Common Trustees, said committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and assume the responsibility of overseeing the maintenance and use of the Town Common; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Common Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature to amend the Town Charter by adding at the end of Article 8-5-4(c)1, the following:

“A Town Common Trustees Committee”

Said committee to consist of five members serving staggered three year terms, unexpired terms which are vacated shall be filled by joint appointment of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Common Trustee Committee; said committee to assume the responsibility of overseeing the maintenance and use of the Town Common.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 7. TOWN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be made for the purpose of financing the design for roadway improvements at the intersection of Rte. 126 and Rte. 140 in the Town Center; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 8. PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EASEMENTS/TAKINGS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, or take by eminent domain, for the purpose of realigning, and reconstructing a section of Maple Street at Route 140 (Mechanic Street) for roadway safety improvements, fee simple title and temporary construction easements or other such interests in land along the westerly side of Maple Street all as shown on plans prepared for the Town by ASEC Corporation of Quincy, Mass, to vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide payment of aforesaid purchase, or eminent domain taking; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$20,500.00 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, to take by eminent domain, or otherwise, for the improvement of the intersection of Maple Street, South Maple Street and Mechanic Street (State Route 140) certain parcels of land located on Maple Street, South Maple Street and Mechanic Street (State Route 140) and being Lot 6-1-T (505 sf) as shown on said plan belonging now or formerly to Bernon Land Trust; Lot 6-2-T (502 sf) as shown on said plan belonging now or formerly to Two H T Realty Trust; Lots 6-3-T (15 sf) as shown on said plan belonging now or formerly to Bernon Family Realty Assoc.; Lot 6-4-T (374 sf) and lot 6-5-T (3,901 sf) as shown on said plan belonging now or formerly to Dremoore Realty Trust; all in fee simple, and Lot 6-TS-1 (1,180 sf) and Lot 8-TS-1 (394 sf) as shown on said plan belonging now or formerly to Bernon Land Trust; Lot 6-TS-2 (2,230 sf) as shown on said plan belonging now or formerly to Two H T Realty Trust; Lot 6-TS-3 (251 sf) as shown on said plan belonging now or formerly to Bernon Family Realty Assoc.; Lot 6-TS-4 (1,420 sf), Lot 6-TS-5 (657 sf) and Lot 6-TS-8 (6,695 sf) as shown on said plan belonging now or formerly to Dremoore Realty Trust; Lot 6-TS-6 (204 sf) as shown on said plan belonging now or formerly to L-R Realty Trust; and Lot 6-TS-7 (426 sf) as shown on said plan belonging now or formerly to Bernon Family Realty Associates Partnership, all as temporary construction easements and as being described as per plan titled Order of Taking in the Town of Bellingham, Norfolk County, altered and laid out as a Town Road by the Town of Bellingham dated October 6, 1997, by William J. Montuori, P.L.S. attached herewith to the motion and to be incorporated by reference, that to raise this appropriation the Board of Selectmen are authorized to petition the Massachusetts Highway Department to transfer \$20,500.00 of the Town's Chapter 90 Funds, for said purpose.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 9. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION/RECONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a new Senior High School on Blackstone Street and for the renovation of the existing Junior/Senior High School located on Blackstone Street to a Middle School; including the cost of original furnishings and equipment, engineering and architectural fees, inspection fees, contingencies and related facilities incidental thereto and necessary in connection therewith. Said sum to be spent by and under the direction of the School Committee, that any maturities of an issue of bonds or notes authorized hereby may, to the extent permitted by law be arranged so that the amounts of principal and interest combined for the several years shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the opinion of the Chief Financial Officer or in accordance with a schedule providing a more rapid amortization of principal; that the Town vote to authorize the School Building Committee to file applications for a grant or grants to be used to defray all or any part of the costs of said school construction and renovation and related matters, and that the Town vote to authorize the School Committee to enter into all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article. Further, to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, will be authorized to issue bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, as amended, or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Committee)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously.

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town:

A. Ratify the vote of the Bellingham School Committee and to authorize the Bellingham School Committee to appoint a building committee to be entitled "High School - Middle School Building Committee" for the purpose of constructing a new senior high school on Blackstone Street and for the renovation of the existing Junior/Senior High School located on Blackstone Street to a middle school, including the original furnishings and equipment, engineering and architectural fees, inspection fees, contingencies and related facilities incidental thereto and necessary in connection therewith. Said committee to consist of fourteen (14) members

appointed by the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen by independent majority vote, vacancies to be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. Said committee to elect a chairperson who is to conduct meetings and vote only in the event of a tie.

B. Raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000,000.00 for the aforesaid purposes. Said sum to be spent by and under the direction of the Building Committee, that any maturities of an issue of bonds or notes authorized hereby may, to the extent permitted by law be arranged so that the amounts of principal and interest combined for the several years shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the opinion of the Chief Financial Officer or in accordance with a schedule providing a more rapid amortization of principal: That the Town authorize the Building Committee to file applications for a grant or grants to be used to defray all or any part of the costs of said school construction and renovation and related matters, and that the Town vote to authorize the building committee to enter into all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this article

Further, to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, will be authorized to issue bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, as amended or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 10. LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT-DOCUTECH EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to refinance the existing lease/purchase agreement for the Docutech equipment leased by the School Department for a period of five years; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$163,500.00 for the purpose of refinancing the current lease/purchase of Docutech equipment leased by the School Department, and to raise said sum, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Town.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 11. GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE SETTLEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, for the purpose of settling a dispute relative to health insurance contributions for members of the Bellingham Teachers' Association; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$325,000.00 for the purpose of settling an outstanding claim relative to health insurance contributions for members of the Bellingham Teachers' Association; to further vote to authorize the Town to settle said claim, and said sum to be raised by transfer from the Group Insurance Trust Fund.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 12. CENTER SCHOOL/SOUTH SCHOOL DEMOLITION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, for the purpose of demolishing the old Center School located within the Town Hall complex, along with the former South School Administrative offices located at "Crooks Corner"; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000.00 for the purpose of demolishing the old Center School located within the Town Hall Complex, along with the former South School Administration Building located at "Crooks Corner", and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for said demolition, said sum to be raised by transfer from Free Cash.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 13. PETITION COMMONWEALTH OF MASS GENERAL COURT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact Home Rule Legislation that would allow the Town to establish a Tax Stabilization Fund for the purpose of appropriating yearly an amount not to exceed thirty (30) percent of the amount raised in the preceding fiscal year by taxation of real estate and tangible personal property. Said sole purpose of this Tax Stabilization Fund will be to mitigate the loss of taxes and/or revenue from any P.I.L.O.T. (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreement for any power/electric generating plants that may locate in the Town of Bellingham; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact Home Rule Legislation that would allow the Town to establish a Tax Stabilization Fund for the purpose of appropriating yearly an amount not to exceed thirty (30) percent of the amount raised in the preceding fiscal year by taxation of real estate and tangible personal property. Said sole purpose of this Tax Stabilization Fund will be to mitigate the loss of taxes and/or revenue from any PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) agreement for any power/electric generating plants that may locate in the Town of Bellingham.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ATTENDANCE:

P - 1	P - 2	P - 3	P - 4	P - 5	TOTAL
86	67	74	80	52	359

Meeting adjourned at: 9:05 PM

No Quorum Required.

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

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TOWN CLERK
KATHLEEN M. HARVEY

PUBLICATION OF TOWN BY-LAWS

The attached amendments:

General By-Laws adopted under Articles 11, 29, 31 and 35 and;
the Zoning By-Laws adopted under Articles 12, 19 and 33 also:
the map that pertained to Article 19

of the Warrant for the Bellingham Annual Town Meeting that convened on May 28, 1997
with the approval of the Attorney General on August 13th and August 15th, 1997 are
hereby:

PUBLISHED.

Any claim to invalidity by reason of defect in the procedure of adoption and or
amendment may only be made within ninety days of this posting, in writing, to the Town
Clerk's Office.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

Precinct # 1	North Civic/Senior Center & Cumberland Farms Store
Precinct # 2	Larry's Package Store & The Corner Store
Precinct # 3	Town Hall & Town Hall Annex
Precinct # 4	Charlie's Tire & the South Elementary School
Precinct # 5	South Fire Station & Clem's Coffee Shop

I hereby certify that I have posted attested copies of the above notice at the places indicated.

Date Posted AUG 19 1997

Paul Chapp
Constable of Bellingham



SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

(617) 727-2200

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108-1698

August 13, 1997

Kathleen Harvey
Town Clerk
2 Mechanic St.
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

Dear Ms. Harvey:

I return the amendments to the general by-laws adopted under articles 11, 29, 31 and 35 of the warrant for the Bellingham annual town meeting that convened on May 28, 1997, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn B. Palmer".

Kathryn B. Palmer
Assistant Attorney General
Coordinator, Municipal Law Unit
(617) 727-2200 x 2085

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen M. Harvey".

Encl.

cc: Lee G. Ambler, Esq., 6 Mendon St., Bellingham, MA 02019



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TOWN CLERK
KATHLEEN M. HARVEY

June 5, 1997

TELEPHONE
(508) 966-5827

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of
MAY 28, 1997 AT 7:30 PM
including adjourned session of May 29, 1997 at 7:30 PM

I hereby certify that the following is a true record of an article and vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 11. BY-LAW AMENDMENT, SECTION 4.07 - 100

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.07-100 "Method of determining question when question is put", so that the same will read as follows:

"When a question is put, or on matters requiring a two-thirds vote by Statute, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by the voices of the voters and the Moderator shall declare the vote or the two-thirds vote as it appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide by the sound of voices or the show of hands, or if his decision is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, he may appoint Tellers to make and return the count; or act or do anything in relation thereto".

(By: Town Counsel & Town Moderator)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Section 4.07-100 "Method of determining question when question is put", so that the same will read as follows:

"When a question is put, or on matters requiring a two-thirds vote, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by the voices of the voters and the Moderator shall declare the vote or the two-thirds vote as it appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide by the sound of voices or the show of hands, or if his decision is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, he may appoint Tellers to make and return the count".

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



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June 5, 1997

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of
MAY 28, 1997 AT 7:30 PM
including adjourned session of May 29, 1997 at 7:30 PM

I hereby certify that the following is a true record of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 29. WATER USE RESTRICTION BY-LAW

VOTED: That the Town adopt the following by-law to be added to Chapter 19.
SEWER AND WATER as follows:

Article 19.03 WATER USE RESTRICTION BY-LAW

This by-law is intended to regulate the use of water supplied by the Town of Bellingham Department of Public Works.

Section 19.03.010 Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a state of water supply conservation or state of water supply emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 19.03.020 Definitions

"Enforcement Authority" shall mean the Town of Bellingham Department of Public Works, having responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the water supply, the Health Department, the Town Police, Special Police, and any other locally designated body having police powers.

"Water Supply Emergency" shall mean a state of water supply emergency declared by the Department of Environmental Protection under M.G.L. c.21G, §15-17.

"State of Water Supply Conservation" shall mean a state of conservation declared by the Board of Selectmen or Department of Public Works Director pursuant to Section 19.03.030 of this bylaw.

"Water Users or Water Consumers" shall mean all public and private users of the Town's public water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility.

Section 19.03.030

Declaration of a State of Water Conservation

The Board of Selectmen may declare a State of Water Conservation upon an affirmative vote by four or more members of the Board of Selectmen.

The Department of Public Works Director or his appointed agent may declare a State of Water Conservation if:

1. the level of water in the Chestnut Street Stand pipe falls to 65 feet;
2. the demand for water has exceeded the actual pumping capacity of the system for a period longer than four days; or
3. a mechanical failure has occurred removing one or more of the Town's wells from operation.

Public notice of state of water conservation shall be given under Section 19.03.050 of this bylaw before it may be enforced.

Section 19.03.040

Restricted Water Uses

A declaration of a State of Water Conservation issued by the Board of Selectmen or the Department of Public Works Director may include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements restraining the use of water for non-essential purposes as necessary to protect the water supply, which shall be included in the public notice required under Section 19.03.050 of this bylaw.

- a) Odd/Even Lawn Watering Lawn Watering at facilities with odd numbered addresses is permitted only on odd numbered days. Lawn watering at facilities with even numbered addresses is permitted only on even numbered days.
- b) Outdoor Watering Ban Lawn watering, and all other forms of non essential outdoor water use are prohibited.
- c) Outdoor Watering Hours Outdoor watering is permitted only during off-peak hours, to be specified in the declaration of a state of water conservation and public notice thereof.
- d) Filling Swimming Pools Filling of swimming pools is prohibited.
- e) Automatic Lawn Sprinkler Use. The use of automatic lawn and garden sprinkler systems are prohibited.

Section 19.03.050 Public Notification of a State of Water Supply Conservation

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the Town as part of a state of water conservation shall be published in two newspapers of general circulation within the Town, or by such other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the state of conservation. Any restriction imposed under Section 19.03.040 shall not be effective until such notification is provided.

Section 19.03.060 Termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation; Notice

A State of Water Supply Conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen upon a determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists. Notification of the termination of a state of water conservation shall be given in the same manner as notice of the state of water conservation is given.

Section 19.03.070 State of Water Emergency

Upon notification of the public that a state of water emergency has been declared by the Department of Environmental Protection, (DEP) no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition or order approved or issued by the DEP intended to bring about an end to the emergency.

Section 19.03.080

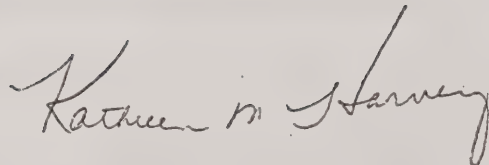
Penalties

Any person violating this bylaw shall be liable to the Town in the amount of \$50.00 for the first violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation which shall inure to the Town for such uses as the Board of Selectmen may direct. Each day of violation represents an independent violation. Fines shall be recovered by complaint before the District Court. Each separate issuance of a citation pursuant to this section shall constitute a separate violation.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

A true record.

ATTEST:

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Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



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TOWN CLERK

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TOWN CLERK
KATHLEEN M. HARVEY

June 5, 1997

TELEPHONE
(508) 966-5827

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including adjourned session of May 29, 1997 at 7:30 PM

I hereby certify that the following is a true record of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 31. TEMPORARY REPAIRS FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE WAYS

VOTED: That the town add the following By-Law to General By-Laws; Chapter 15.
Streets and Sidewalks as follows:

Article 15.05. Temporary Repairs For Certain Private Ways.

Section 15.05.010 Purpose

The Board of Selectmen shall consider any private way or portion thereof which has been open to public use for five (5) or more years for temporary repairs to be performed by the Town after having been petitioned to do so by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the owners of abutting property. (Based on one vote for each abutting property and not the number of owners of a particular property).

Petitions must contain a statement that: "The undersigned agree to keep said private way or portion thereof open to public use for the period of years which is the life of the temporary repairs made pursuant to this petition".

Section 15.05.020 Subdivisions Excluded.

Excluded from the terms of this article are private ways created pursuant to the Subdivision Control Law, General Law, Chapter 41, Section 81K et seq. and the Town of Bellingham Subdivision Regulations.

Section 15.05.030 Criteria.

Temporary repairs shall be made on a qualifying private way only after the Board of Selectmen have determined that such repairs are required by public convenience and necessity. The Board of Selectmen may, after reviewing a petition, elect to have the Town perform temporary repairs on the entire portion which was petitioned for, or a lesser portion, provided at least seventy-five percent of the abutting property owners on the appropriate portion of the way are in favor of such action and costs as assessed as per Section 15.05.050. In making its determination as to the public convenience and necessity and the advisability of making temporary repairs, the Board of Selectmen shall take into consideration the following factors:

1. The accessibility to emergency vehicles such as police, fire and rescue vehicles.
2. The volume of traffic.
3. The number of years that the way has been open to the public (not less than five),
4. Such other relevant considerations the Selectmen deem appropriate.

Section 15.05.040 Temporary Repairs Defined.

Temporary repairs may include the surfacing or resurfacing of a way, the installation and repair of drainage, the filling of potholes, depressions and ruts, temporary patches, and/or grading. The scope of work which can be performed will be no greater than that which has been done on the way previously.

Section 15.05.050 Assessment of Costs.

The Town acting through its Selectmen is hereby authorized to assess betterments upon the owners of properties which derive particular benefit or advantage from the making of such repairs on any such private way. Such assessments shall be a sum equal, in aggregate, to the total cost of such repairs, and in the case of each such property, assessed in proportion to the frontage thereof on such way, except as otherwise provided. The provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws relating to public improvements and assessments therefore shall apply to repairs to private ways ordered to be made under this Section; provided, that no assessment amounting to less than \$25.00 shall be apportioned, and no assessment may be apportioned into more than five (5) portions.

Where the cost of temporary repairs is less than Five Hundred and no/100 (\$500.00) Dollars per abutting property, the appropriate sum shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer prior to the repairs being commenced. Any abutter, may, by paying the full amount of his share of the assessment, avoid the assessment of betterment on his/her land.

Section 15.05.060 Limitations on Liability.

The Town in making repairs under this Section shall not be liable on account of any damage caused by such repairs. Said repairs shall not be undertaken unless the Selectmen have in their possession Agreements executed by all abutting owners of the affected area to release

and save the Town harmless on account of any damage whatever caused by such repairs. Such Agreements to release and save harmless shall be recorded in the Registry of Deeds, and shall be deemed to be covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon all subsequent owners thereof.

Section 15.05.070 Town Not Responsible For Private Way.

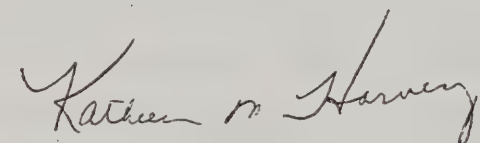
No term or provision of this by-law, nor any temporary repairs pursuant thereto, shall be interpreted or construed to constitute acceptance by the Town of any duty, responsibility or liability for a private way or portion thereof or for the enforcement of any private right of any petitioner or abutting owner.

State Law Reference--Private ways; temporary repairs, G.L. c 40 sec. 6N.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



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I hereby certify that the following is a true record of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 35. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town replace Chapter 7 of the Town By-Law entitled "Capital Improvements Committee" with the following:

Part A:

Chapter 7. Capital Improvements Committee

Article 7.01 Appointment.

A Capital Improvements Committee of five members consisting of 2 Finance Committee members and 3 At-large shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Members shall serve a term (3 years) contemporaneous with their term on the Finance Committee. Re-appointment to the Finance Committees shall not automatically cause re-appointment to the Capital Improvements Committee. The Board of Selectmen may remove a member or members of the Capital Improvements Committee. Any vacancy on the Capital Improvements Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the Term.

Article 7.02 Estimates of funds for capital improvements

The Capital Improvements Committee shall study those capital improvements as defined in Article 1.02 that are above \$100,000. The Selectmen and all Boards, Committees, Head of Departments or other officers of the town authorized by law to expend money shall furnish to the Capital Improvements Committee, with their annual budget requests,

detailed estimates of the amount necessary for capital improvements for the departments under their jurisdiction for at least the following five (5) years.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall consider the relative need, timing and cost, completeness of the planning, community support, availability of outside funding, and other factors The Capital Improvements Committee shall deem appropriate to the individual expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position to the town.

Article 7.03 Preparation of Annual Report and five year capital program.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall maintain an ongoing five year Capital Improvement budget which shall be published yearly in the Annual Town Report and be on file at all times in the office of Town Clerk.

Article 7.04 Presentation to Town Meeting.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall schedule capital improvement projects for presentation to the October Town Meeting and other Town Meetings as deemed appropriate.

Article 7.05 Stabilization Fund

All requests for transfers or expenditures from the Stabilization Fund must be presented to the Capital Improvements Committee prior to the Town Meeting at which such transfer or expenditures are to be voted and the Capital Improvement Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting on the amount and appropriateness of all such transfers or expenditures from this fund.

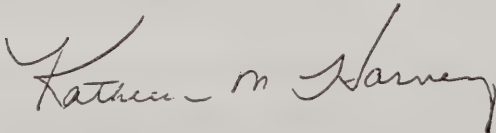
Part B:

Also Unanimously voted that the Town amend the second sentence of Article 6.01 of the Town By-Laws with the following: "No elected or appointed Town Officer or Town employee, other than a member of the Personnel Board or the Capital Improvements Committee, shall be eligible to serve on said Committee".

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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ATTEST:

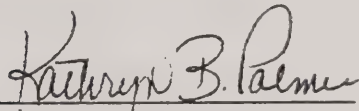


Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the general by-laws adopted under articles 11, 29, 31 and 35 of the warrant for the Bellingham town meeting that convened on May 28, 1997, are approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathryn B. Palmer", written over a horizontal line.

by: Kathryn B. Palmer
Assistant Attorney General

August 13, 1997



SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

(617) 727-2200

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108-1698

August 15, 1997

Kathleen Harvey
Town Clerk
2 Mechanic St.
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

Dear Ms. Harvey:

I return the amendments to the zoning by-laws adopted under articles 12, 19 and 33 of the warrant for the Bellingham annual town meeting that convened on May 28, 1997, and the map that pertain to article 19, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathryn B. Palmer".

Kathryn B. Palmer
Assistant Attorney General
Coordinator, Municipal Law Unit
(617) 727-2200 x 2085

Enc.

cc: Lee G. Ambler, Esq., 6 Mendon St., Bellingham, MA 02019

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I hereby certify that the following is a true record of an article and vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 12. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts Zoning By-law by deleting the words "Town Engineer" and substitute "Town Inspector" in Sections 1422A, 1422B, 1422C, and 1423; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Planning Board)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts Zoning By-Laws by deleting the words "Town Engineer" and substitute "Town Inspector" in Sections 1422A, 1422B, 1422C and 1423.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)

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ARTICLE 19. DEPOT STREET REZONING

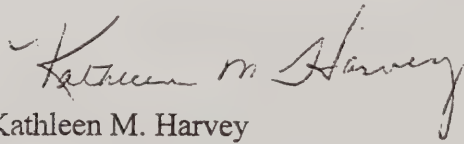
VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws be rezoning from Suburban and Agricultural Districts to Industrial District an area west of Depot Street comprising approximately 70 acres, being those portions of Lot 23 on Assessor's Sheet 38 which lie easterly of the centerline of Boston Edison power line easement and northerly of the southerly property line of Lot 23 on Assessor's Sheet 38, said Lot more particularly described as per plan, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Vote: By Hand Count: YES - 310; NO - 76; TOTAL 386
2/3 of 386 being 257; Motion Carried.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)

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ATTEST:


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ARTICLE 33. FAMILY APARTMENTS

VOTED: That the Town amend the Bellingham Zoning By-law as follows:

1. Amend Section 2400 Use Regulations Schedule by inserting a new row directly above the row headed "Other customary accessory uses", to be headed "Family Apartment (see Sec. 4130)" with a "No" entry under "I" district and with a "BA" entry under all other districts, so that it reads:

	A	S,R	M	B-1	I
				B-2	
Family Apartment (see Sec. 4130)	BA	BA	BA	BA	NO

2. Insert a new Section 4130, to read as follows:

4130. Family Apartment. A special permit authorizing a Family Apartment may be granted only if consistent with the following.

4131. Development Requirements.

a) Unit must be a single family dwelling to which the Family Apartment is being added, and must have been in existence and occupied under a legal Occupancy Permit at least two (2) years at the time of application.

b) Any increase in floor area shall meet the requirements of Section 2600 without variance or Special Permit.

c) The Applicant must acquire Board of Health approval that the sewerage disposal will be within the legal requirements.

d) Parking shall be as required in Section 3300 for a two Family Dwelling unit.

4132. Occupancy Requirements.

a) Either the principal or the accessory unit must be owner-occupied.

b) The remaining unit must be occupied by a family member of the owner(s).

4133. Procedural Requirements.

a) To approve a special permit for a Family Apartment, the Board of Appeals must make a determination that all of the above requirements have been met, and also that the particular circumstances of the case make such use appropriate, including consideration of:

i) whether lot area or other site characteristics assure mitigation of any impacts on the neighborhood;

ii) whether there is enforceable assurance that occupancy of the unit will serve significant community purposes, such as facilitating care for the elderly or handicapped;

iii) whether there is a financial hardship to the family;

iv) whether site and building design are within the character of the neighborhood.

b) The Special Permit and a Certificate of Occupancy for a Family Apartment shall be issued for a period no greater than five years from the date of issuance and must be filed at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds prior to the issuance of a Building Permit.

c) A Special Permit for a Family Apartment may be extended for additional five year periods upon application to the Zoning Board of Appeals at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the Special Permit. An extension shall be given only after inspection and a written report by the Town Inspector that the conditions of the renewal have not changed since the initial application and the Zoning Board's determination that the applicant is in full compliance with Section 4130. Any extension given must be filed at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds within 30 days of issuance. Failure to file within the time period given shall nullify the permit given.

d) Sale of the lot or dwelling that is the subject of the Special Permit shall nullify the Permit on the date of sale.

e) Permanent Removal from the premises of the individual or individuals for whom the permit has been obtained shall nullify the Permit on the date of such removal.

3. Amend Article V. Definitions by replacing the definition of "Dwelling, Single Family", and by adding "Family Apartment", as follows:

"Dwelling, Single Family" - A detached residential building containing a single dwelling unit, or a single dwelling unit plus a family apartment as authorized by Section 4130.

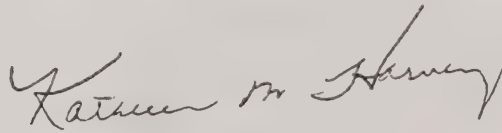
"Family Apartment" - An accessory apartment or principal unit utilized by Grandparents, parents, children, grandchildren, brothers or sisters or their spouses and children or the property owner or spouse.

VOTE: By hand count: YES - 68; NO - 16; TOTAL - 84
2/3 of 84 being 56, Motion Carried.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)

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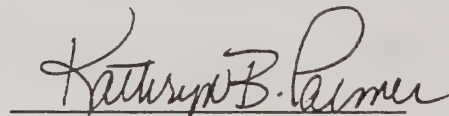
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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by: Kathryn B. Palmer
Assistant Attorney General

August 15, 1997

JANUARY 1, 1977

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MAP NUMBER

ATW ARTICLE 8 4-6-77
ATW ARTICLE 9 4-6-77 (FROM ST. WFD TO SUBURBAN)
ATW ARTICLE 10 1-14-78 (FROM SOUTH MAIN ST. WFD TO SUBURBAN)
ATW ARTICLE 9 1-24-78
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ATW ARTICLE 2 1-7-78
ATW ARTICLE 7 6-1-82
ATW ARTICLE 17 1-2-84 (LARE ST TO B-1)
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ATW ARTICLE 8 1-18-84 (STREAM BOUNDARIES)
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DEPOT STREET.
REZONING TO
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JUNE 5, 1997

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 28, 1997
DEPOT STREET REZONING
ARTICLE 19.

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DISTRICTS

Kathleen H. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

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- MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING
- AGRICULTURAL
- SUBURBAN
- RESIDENTIAL
- BUSINESS-1
- BUSINESS-2
- INDUSTRIAL

UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED, THE DIMENSION BETWEEN STREET LINES AND PARALLEL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IS 200 FEET.

P DENOTES PROPERTY LINE

NOTE: SEE SEPARATE MAPS ON FILE WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND BUILDING INSPECTOR DELINEATING THE FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT. 77

TOWN CLERK'S RECEIPTS

DOG LICENSES SOLD - 1997

	Numbered Issued	Unit Price	Gross Receipts Paid to Town
Male	117	\$15.00	\$ 1,755.00
Neutered Male	417	\$10.00	\$ 4,170.00
Female	60	\$15.00	\$ 900.00
Spayed Female	541	\$10.00	\$ 5,410.00
Kennel - 3 dogs or less	3	\$30.00	\$ 90.00
Kennel - 10 dogs or less	1	\$55.00	\$ 55.00
Kennel - More than 10 dogs	5	\$105.00	\$ 525.00
TOTAL LICENSES SOLD	1,144		\$12,905.00
LATE FEES			\$ 320.00
TOTAL			\$13,225.00

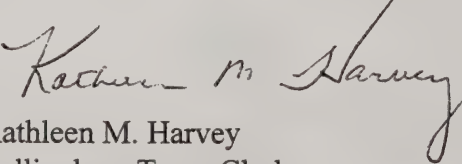
The Town of Bellingham accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 147A at the special Town Meeting held on December 15, 1987. This authorized the town to keep all fees collected from the sale of dog licenses or monies received as fines.

Dog and Kennel Licenses are due annually April 1st.

A \$10.00 late fee is imposed after June 30th for each dog licensed.

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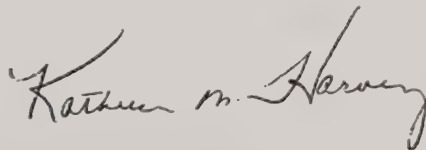

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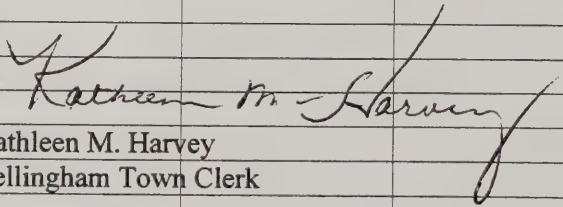
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Resident Fishing	55	22.50	1237.50	27.50	1210.00
Resident Fishing Minor	6	6.50	39.00	3.00	36.00
Resident Fishing 65-69	5	11.25	56.25	2.50	53.75
Resident Fishing - Handicapped	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Resient Fishing	9	32.50	292.50	4.50	288.00
Non-Resident Fishing 3-day	0	18.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Fishing 3-day	0	7.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Trapping	1	30.50	30.50	0.50	30.00
Resident Trapping Minor	0	6.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Trapping Age 65-69	0	15.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duplicate Fishing	0	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duplicate Trapping	0	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Citizen Hunting	19	22.50	427.50	9.50	418.00
Resient Hunting 65-69	1	11.25	11.25	0.50	10.75
Resient Hunting Paraplegic	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Alien Hunting	0	22.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Resident Hunting - Big Game	0	94.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	1	60.50	60.50	0.50	60.00
Non-Resident Hunting, Com. Shg. Pr.	0	19.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	0	6.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Sporting	38	40.00	1520.00	19.00	1501.00
Resident Sporting 65-69	5	20.00	100.00	2.50	97.50
Resident Citizen Sporting - Over 70	34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duplicate Hunting	0	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duplicate Sporting	1	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00
Archery Stamp	24	5.10	122.40	2.40	120.00
Waterfowl Stamp	9	5.00	45.00	0.00	45.00
Primitive Firearms Stamp	19	5.10	96.90	1.90	95.00
Wildlife Conservation Stamp (Resident)	129	5.00	645.00	0.00	645.00
Wildlife Conservation Stamp (Non-Res.)	10	5.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Town of Bellingham \$1.00 fee	N/A	1.00	140.00	0.00	140.00
TOTALS	390		\$4,876.30	\$74.30	\$4,802.00

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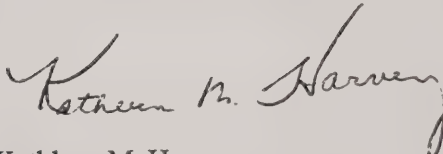
MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES, RECORDALS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.			
<i>For the year ending:</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>YEARLY</i>
DECEMBER 31, 1997	Price	Sold	TOTAL
Massachusetts Tax Liens	N/C	15	0.00
Chattel Mortgages (UCC Filings)	\$10.00	226	2260.00
Chattel Mortgage Terminations	5.00	26	130.00
Business Certificates	10.00	66	660.00
Raffle & Bazaar Permits	10.00	6	60.00
Pole Location Recordals	12.50	15	187.50
Underground Storage Permits	10.00	28	280.00
Marriage Intentions	10.00	108	1080.00
Marriage Certificates	5.00	199	995.00
Birth Certificates (long form)	5.00	149	745.00
Birth Certificates (cards)	2.00	254	508.00
Death Certificates	5.00	278	1390.00
Amended Vital Recorded	10.00	0	0.00
Delayed Records of Birth	10.00	0	0.00
Home Births	N/C	1	0.00
Adoption Recordings	N/C	2	0.00
Voter Registration Cards	2.00	20	40.00
Street Lists - Resident	5.00	51	255.00
Street List - Non-Resident	10.00	14	140.00
Street Maps	2.00	7	9.00
Assorted Maps	2.00	9	18.00
Zoning By-Laws	8.00	79	632.00
Zoning By-Laws, Mailed	10.00	5	50.00
General By-Laws	10.00	1	10.00
Planning Board Rules & Regs.	8.00	24	192.00
General/Zoning/Charter booklet	20.00	6	120.00
U.C.C. Copies	2.00	44	88.00
Certification of U.C.C.	10.00	13	130.00
Certification of Record	2.00	30	60.00
Business Certificate (Withdrawn,etc)	5.00	3	15.00
Dog Tag Replacement	2.00	2	4.00
Miscellaneous Copies	0.20	559	111.80
Miscellaneous Computer Page Copies	0.50	0	0.00
Computer labels (@.02 each min. \$75.00)	0.02	5250	105.00
Computer Diskettes	Varied	-----	125.00
Declaration of Trust	Varied	-----	5.00
Record Searches	Varied	-----	45.00
Subpoena/Summons Fees	Varied	-----	8.00
Miscellaneous Postage	Varied	-----	15.89
Miscellaneous Certifications, etc.	Varied	-----	110.52
TOTAL			\$10,584.71
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ATTEST:			
	Kathleen M. Harvey		
	Bellingham Town Clerk		

TOWN CLERK'S
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
FOR THE YEAR 1997

	<u>Number Issued</u>	<u>Gross Receipts</u>	<u>Receipts Paid to STATE</u>	<u>Receipts Paid to TOWN</u>
Dog License	1144	\$13,225.00	---	\$13,225.00
Fish & Game Receipts	390	\$ 4,876.30	\$4,802.00	\$ 74.30
Misc. Licenses, Certificates, Etc.	Varied	\$10,584.71	---	\$10,584.71
Non Criminal Disposition Fines Leash Law Enforcement		\$ 150.00	---	\$ 150.00
 TOTALS		\$28,836.01	\$ 4,802.00	\$24,034.01

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ATTEST:


Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS RECORD

1997

BIRTHS	196
MARRIAGES	104
DEATHS	60
TOTALS	360

Births and deaths recorded in the Town Report reflect events which occurred ONLY in Massachusetts.. Many of Bellingham's births and deaths are in surrounding hospitals in Rhode Island and are considered out-of-state records and not returned to the town of residence.

MARRIAGES recorded in the Town of Bellingham include ONLY those couples who filed their marriage intention in Bellingham.

OUT OF WEDLOCK BIRTHS:

Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1989 allow for resident copies of out of wedlock births to be transmitted to the town of residents, upon request of the mother at the time of birth. This act has been in effect since February 27, 1990 and applies to births from that date to the present.

These records are still considered "impounded" and access is limited to the following individuals:

- Mother and Father - if Father is listed on record
- Child
- Legal Guardian of the Child - with proper legal papers
- Legal representative of the above

VITAL STATISTICS received in the Town Clerk's office too late for publication in the years town report, will be listed separately in the following year's statistics.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

IN THE YEAR 1997

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
JANUARY		
1	Angela Marie Doyle	Peter T. & Joan M. (Griffin)
4	Meghan Elizabeth Dennett	David C. & Tina M. (Spataro)
4	Patrick Ryan Birch	Mark E. & Kimberly A. (Connors)
5	Steven Christopher Joanis, Jr.	Steven C. & Bronya M. (Desmarais)
7	Kenedi Ashton Depril	Marco D. & Kendra L. (Johnston)
9	Nicholas Charles Powell	Dennis C. & Deborah A. (Langley)
11	Caitlin Evelyn McGowan	James J. & Julie A. (Bruce)
14	Sarah Nicole Grady	David L. & Susan I. (Solomon)
15	Sonia Sarwar	Muhammad S. & Maqbool (Bibi)
16	Lindsey Elizabeth Jensen	Michael T. & Anita (Losik)
18	Brodie Shea Dacus	Kirk I. & Jean M. (Shea)
19	James Michael Csizmesia	Donald C. & Karen A. (Desrosiers)
20	Christine Jane Moro	Peter R. & Janine L. (Coleman)
25	Benjamin James Cronan	William J. & Jill F. (Stapleton)
26	Nicholas William Roberts	Mark P. & Mary Jo (Gertz)
27	Jessica Joyce Floser	Ronald K. & Kim M. (Tisdell)
31	Sarah Ann Nasuti	Joseph S. & Shannon M. (Pichette)
FEBRUARY		
3	Elise Jennifer Weinstein	Michael L. & Janet L. (Drobnis)
4	Brandon Mark Slaney	William E. & Mary F. (Jacobsen)
6	Patrick Francis Lynch	Randy R. & Tina M. (Champagne)
11	Sarah Elizabeth Parent	Michael & Barbara A. (Bucci)
13	Paul Arthur Dwelly	Wayne P. & Lorraine R. (Mosgofian)
13	Bethanie Marie Keefe	Donald D. & Denise M. (Spellman)
25	Jenna Paige Cibley Bogan	Michael P. & Elizabeth L. (Cibley)
27	Daniel McBride, Jr.	Daniel & Andrea (Bucciero)
MARCH		
2	Adrienne Leigh Sooklal	Adrian R. & Barbara J. (Brennan)
4	Connor Robert Hickey	William P. & Sandra E. (Slaney)
5	Colby William Foster	W. Scott & Denise A. (Rubant)
5	Tetiana Judith Suchy	Taras I. & Judith L. (Nichols)

MARCH

6	Michael Henry Cronin	Michael W. & Shari L. (Bangma)
11	Bradley Joseph Perper	Stuart J. & Natalie A. (Holmes)
14	Nicole Grace Laganke	James F. & Virginia G. (Lehr)
14	Robert Joseph Mason	John L. & Andrea J. (Bouvier)
17	Kyle Charles Black	Douglas A. & Tonya J. (Merrill)
17	Paige Simoan Trottier	Charles E. & Melissa M. (Monday)
17	Ryan Barrett Gonthier	Greg R. & Patricia A. (Barrett)
22	Brianna Leigh Arnold	Dale E. & Susan L. (St. Pierre)
23	Brittanie Nicole Smith	Nathan F. & Lynda J. (Brooke)
24	Thomas David Conroy	David M. & Debra E. (Vitarisi)
24	Kathryn Joy Mancini	Ronald F. & Melonie D. (Kiff)
26	Kyle Joseph Saponaro	John D. & Jodi A. (Hess)
29	Brian James Niro	David L. & Linda J. (Simpson)

APRIL

5	Christopher Michael Jenkins	Leon C. & Joy L. (Mildner)
9	Jalysa Lyric Semenuk	John M. & Yaritza L. (Rivera)
10	Naomi Victoria Manning	Glendon R. & Tammy A. (Desmarais)
14	Andrew William Uttermann	John A. & Kim P. (Urquhart)
15	Matthew Robert Fogarty	Robert M. & Kristen R. (Belyea)
15	Kyle Clifford Jankauskas	Gerard T. & Tina M. (Boise)
17	Danielle Ann Maxwell	Dean F. & Stacey L. (Bussaglia)
17	Angela Nicole Faneuff	Jeffery J. & Wendy E. (Fitzgerald)
17	Haley Elizabeth Pelletier	David A. & Laurie L. (Chroniak)
19	Sean Thomas Sullivan	Thomas P. & Sheila M. (Curtin)
25	Alexandra Maria Tsiounis	Dimitrios & Jennifer A. (Gonya)
26	Nicholas Michael Horne	Kevin M. & Linda G. (Hewey)
30	Myles David Turner	Eric J. & Michele (Stavish)

MAY

1	Jeremy Michael Laprade	David M. & Cheryl A. (Pope)
3	Amanda June Romanelli	Arthur J. & Tracey A. (Fox)
5	Julianne Marie Kilduff	James F. & Joanne M. (Moriarty)
13	Brenden Charles Flaherty	Bernard & Regina N. (Baker)
18	Austin James Steeves	Eric S. & Sharon M. (Dalpe)
23	Kaitlyn Ann Dmohowski	Denis J. & Teresa M. (Adams)
25	Mikayla Jean Bibbo	Gary D. & Kim M. (Bickom)
25	Janelle Marie Giuliani	Paul A. & Joan M. (Eknaian)
29	Ian James Boroczky	James & Vaughne L. (Jackson)
31	Sean Michael Russell	David C. & Maria E. (Bachman)

JUNE

3	Rabia Tahir	Mohammad A. & Syieda K. (Butt)
5	Christopher John Shea	John T. & Brenda E. (Morell)
5	Ashton Katlyn Fagan	Brandon J. & Karen N. (Johnston)
6	Joshua Allen Pepin	Jeffrey R. & Kerry A. (Bickom)
9	Jorie Makenna Rioux	Christopher P. & Hillary P. (Prives)
12	Sabrina Danielle Ulsh	Stuart J. & Lynn S. (Perdek)
16	Emily Kathryn Cole	Sean P. & Maryellen E. (King)
18	Nicholas Auguste Vanderwal	Eric G. & Sonja L. (Schmidt)
24	Ana Mackenzie Killion	Timothy J. & Michele I. (Debatis)
24	Mitchel Albert Carlin	Michael K. & Jessica F. (Raine)
24	Suzanne Rachel Wright	Robert D. & Dianne M. (Milstein)
27	Meghan Blair Elliott	Mark L. & Eileen C. (Parker)
27	Matthew Stephen Andrews	Richard J. & Anne M. (Cadman)
30	Alexis Lea Casalanguida	Nicola & Pamela R. (Gaucher)

JULY

2	Abigail Deborah Zagame	Kris A. & Shirley J. (Couture)
5	Kamori Anne Porter-Jacques	Thomas M. & Tamiko K. (Porter)
7	Matthew Paul Gallant	Christopher P. & Julie A. (Dubroff)
8	Cameron Michael Kirkey	Christopher J. & Donna H. (McCartney)
15	Sarah Patricia Kenney	Richard E. & Christine M. (Armburg)
17	Gregory Jacob Bethoney	Phillip G. & Leslie A. (Koury)
17	Holly Elizabeth Boyle	Stephen J. & Judith A. (Boyd)
17	Jillian Leigh Spolidoro	Mark A. & Chris N. (Logan)
18	Adam Brazill Steinbrecher	Leslie M. & Ida A. (Brazill)
19	Christopher Philip Parmenter	Christopher W. & Pamela A. (Landino)
19	Michael Ryan Pillot	Miguel E. & Suzanne M. (Staples)
20	Katherine Grace Almeida	Manuel C. & Debra M. (Melsheimer)
22	Chelsea Marie Farrell	John G. & Carole L. (Howe)
23	Zachary Daniel Milot	Chris E. & Ana P. (DaSilva)
23	Zachary Cleary Young	Brian T. & Mary R. (Murray)
24	Samantha Marie Vars	Keith A. & Jennifer L. (Culverwell)
25	Nicole Catherine Fuller	James D. & Suzanne C. (Laplant)
26	Maureen Mackenzie Crehan	Matthew J. & Maureen E. (Gustin)
26	Anthony Robert Crowley	Robert A. & Kathy J. (Hanson)
30	Zackery Thomas Maher	Lester L. & Patricia A. (Pope)
31	Nicholas Charles Murray	David R. & Patricia J. (Caswell)
31	Bailey Christine McCarthy	Michael P. & Holly E. (Mueller)

AUGUST

1	Kalea Larissa Maus	Brett W. & Patricia A. (Axon Fisher)
3	Hunter Angus Partington	Donald E. & Kathleen M. (Ficco)
3	Joli Erin Csizmesia	John E. & Kelley M. (Lewis)
4	Alyssa Jacleen Peterson	John H. & Karen I. (Mullaney)

AUGUST

8 Steven Craig Desmarais
8 Mackenzie Jeanne Dolan
9 David Bryan Berthold
10 Valerie Rose Higgins
13 Molly Clara Albert
14 Zachary Robert Bradley
14 Zachary David Cook
16 Carly Meghan Martino
17 Connor James Silverman
19 Dylan Richard Lamoreaux
20 Jillan Kimberly Allen
22 Sohil Rohit Shah
22 Megan Sarah Chesanek
22 Kaitlyn Marie Jenkins
26 Anthony Joseph Mezzadri
26 Michelle Elise Tonkonogy
26 Oliver Thomas Grella
28 Paul Richard Burns
30 Michelle Helena-Rose Fortin
31 Jaime Diana Rose Mazdrachi

Craig S. & Terri L. (Smith)
Michael T. & Christine J. (Santella)
Bryan E. & Beverly J. (Sisson)
Jeffrey R. & Cindy M. (Haley)
Joseph M. & Kellie J. (Thompson)
Kevin F. & Jean M. (Weidman)
David P. & Tracey A. (Kent)
Richard E. & Randi M. (Cooper)
Michael J. & Diane Y. (Guay)
Mark H. & Corinne (Henderson)
Richard J. & Carol A. (Jackson)
Rohit D. & Chhaya R. (Kothari)
Todd J. & Elizabeth M. (Duprey)
Warren A. & Shelley A. (Hardiman)
Timothy J. & Theresa A. (Walsh)
Eric A. & Julie A. (Adler)
Gene P. & Elizabeth A. (Bilodeau)
Paul S. & Susan M. (Dorsey)
Matthew J. & Kathy A. (Hurley)
James C. & Linda M. (Cucci)

SEPTEMBER

2 Kiefer Michael Bielski
3 Brianne Dawn Nelson
5 George Henry Pearson, IV
9 Zachary Robert Coderre
9 Adam Marcel Coutu
11 Cydney Ashton Taylor
16 Briel Marcianne DiDonato
20 Matthew Joel Bertolino
21 Brianna Leigh Chamberlain
26 Samantha Ashley Venuti
26 Ryan Thomas Venini
27 Jennifer Sally Mayo
30 Bryanna Carolyn Geddis
30 Matthew Edward Alexander

Kenneth E. & Jennifer H. (Holder)
Don P. & Susan C. (Chase)
George H. & Helena J. (Fraize)
James J. & Amy F. (Sylvestre)
Marcel R. & Lois E. (Allard)
Brian A. & Melissa M. (Donnelly)
Glen P. & Catherine E. (Whittier)
Michael F. & Susan M. (Schott)
Michael P. & Sharyl L. (Van Alstyne)
Joseph & Brenda M. (Armstrong)
David M. & Pamela J. (Chandnoit)
Bradley G. & Judith A. (Lowry)
William J. & Lori A. (Yered)
Scott M. & Maureen P. (Farrell)

OCTOBER

3 Eric James Dill
3 Jeffrey Ryan Charest
8 Mykayla Walden Jackson
10 Patrick John Henderson
10 Zachary Taylor Perkins
10 Jonathan Robert Lach

David O. & Deborah M. (Gorman)
Richard R. & Sandra L. (Kordana)
Michael R. & Margaret C. (Abernathy)
John J. & Alison (Russell)
Dennis M. & Ann M. (Henry)
Alan J. & Julie A. (Dramis)

OCTOBER

14	Bauer Henley Cameron-Fleck	Guy M. & Lori (Cameron)
17	Kyle Zachary Krainski	Karl A. & Cindy R. (Rauhala)
20	Cody Robert Remillard	Christopher P. & Kathleen M. (Flanagan)
22	Erin Elizabeth Connolly	Sean P. & Judith M. (Morley)
29	Nicole Maureen Hoyt	Kenneth J. & Jo-Anne L. (Hope)
30	Julia Ann Kearsley	Henry D. & Jennifer L. (Purdon)

NOVEMBER

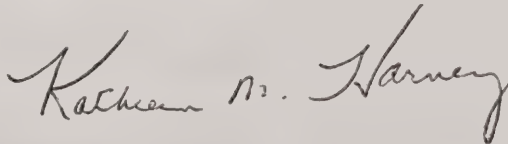
1	Darius Pranas Shubert	Jevgenij & Ramune J. (Bernotas)
3	Daniel Joseph Perkins	Christopher F. & Cynthia M. (McPhie)
4	Isabella Grace Walker	William L. & Lisa R. (Osborne)
4	Jacob Adam Cornelius	Gary V. & Susan D. (Duschl)
5	Nicholas Robert Dash	Robert S. & Mary L. (Parlock)
7	Benjamin Roger Williams	Roger & Judith E. (Hand)
11	Christina Rose Bileau	Brian J. & Joan M. (Bevis)
11	Shawn Michael Rogers	James W. & Lori A. (Lacroix)
16	Michael Israel Caban	Robert A. & Edamarie (Thiel)
17	Cole Mitchell Katz	Adam & Sonjalea (Knustgraichen)
20	Scott Michael Healy	Timothy E. & Lynda J. (Keefe)
21	Meghan Elizabeth Cook	Kenneth L. & Debra A. (Ingersoll)
21	Andrew John Latosek, Jr.	Andrew J. & Melissa A. (Barnett)
29	Sarah Nicole Goodrich	Scott F. & Linda B. (Skinner)
30	Christopher Alan Milliken, II	Christopher A. & Kim A. (McGuire)

DECEMBER

1	Matthew Zane McGillan	Michael R. & Jody L. (Snyder)
3	Heather Ashley Provost	Eric J. & Celeste R. (Deslauriers)
4	Nathan Wolfe Hendel	Peter A. & Ashley W. (Pumerantz)
6	Alexis Jennifer Powers	Griffin J. & Angela M. (D'Intinosanto)
8	Brendan Mason Cole	Bradford R. & Margaret M. (Doucet)
9	Audrey Marie Rathey	Richard W. & Elizabeth A. (Heese)
13	Daniel Joseph Curran	Thomas E. & Erica J. (Zoino)
22	Julia Marie Malzone	John V. & Katherine A. (Maher)
29	Evelyn Grace Bryson	Michael S. & Annett M. (Casey)
29	Emmanuel Ramon Perdomo	Ramon H. & Bonnie J. (Bradley)

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ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

IN THE YEAR 1997

DATE MARRIAGE	NAME OF PRINCIPALS	RESIDENCE
JANUARY		
1	Scott R. Martineau Donna Mary Sullivan	Harrisville, RI Woonsocket, RI
4	Chung Ping Chiu Donna Lynne Phannavong	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
24	Nathan Garrett Staples Susan Rebecca LaPense	Bellingham, MA New Castle, DE
FEBRUARY		
1	John Joseph Sulima Diane Marie Godin	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA
8	William Casey Erven Jo Ann Lynn Bonin	Wakefield, MA Bellingham, MA
14	Michael Jules Boulet Janet Ann Cheli	Blackstone, MA Bellingham, MA
15	James Charles Mazdrachi, Jr. Linda Marie Eddy	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
MARCH		
15	Edward Blaise Beauchemin Paula Flora Desplechin	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA
16	Dildar Hussain Maureen Veronica Boone	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
16	Syed Arshed Hussain Letitia Ann Boone	Mattapan, MA Mattapan, MA
21	Christopher Clayton Harmon Joyce Lynne Comire	Albion, RI Albion, RI

APRIL

5	Daniel Charles Corey Theresa Denise Calore	Uxbridge, MA Uxbridge, MA
12	Scott Alfred Bourget Michele Laura Gallant	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
19	John Douglas Brannan Jo-Ann Morse	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA
26	Eric David King Marlene Ann Stacy	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
26	Wayne Robert McLaughlin Charlotte Marie Senay	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
26	David John Morse Kathleen Diane Lamb	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
26	Gianni Caccavo Tracy Lee Dorrer	Bridgewater, MA E. Bridgewater, MA

MAY

3	Roger Eugene Sawyer Michelle Lynn Pratt	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
3	James Edward Cribby Jennifer Ann Lampke	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
4	Stephen Anthony Dexter Karen Marie Poulin	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
5	John Philip Mello, Jr. Lynn Annette Rognsvoog	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
17	Warren Richard Henry Heather Eileen Drummond	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
17	David Wilson Hebert, Jr. Tara Jean McAvoy	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
17	Robert Stephen Roselli Maureen Patricia Prendergast	Marlboro, MA Bellingham, MA

MAY

25	Bradley Tyler Morin Mary Carroll Pascale	Mendon, MA Cumberland, RI
31	Richard Daniel Boucher Nancy Ellen Eldredge	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
31	Donald Leo Wright, Jr. Pamela Jane Wilcox	Foxboro, MA Franklin, MA

JUNE

1	John Richard Panizo Ana Silvia Acero	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
7	Earl Scott Staknis Lisa Marie Lafontaine	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
7	Justin Michael Hollander Elizabeth Susan Roche	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
14	Robert William Benedict, Jr. Donna Marie Ryan	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
14	Robert Irwin Kwiat Michele Agnes Maxwell	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
14	David Edward Taylor Tammy Clara Hamel	No. Smithfield, RI No. Smithfield, RI
21	Scott Otto Erdmann Barbara Jean Frazier	Leominster, MA Bellingham, MA
21	Keith Jason Turbesi Lori Marie Dubeau	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
26	Sean Joseph Quinn Jennifer Sue Roberts	Douglas, MA Milford, MA
27	Dwayne Eugene Disautell Debra Lee Saucier	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
28	Kevin Corbitt Gwendolyn Ann Hole	South Boston, MA Bellingham, MA

JUNE

28	Christopher John Best Aime Lynn Byam	Hopedale, MA Bellingham, MA
28	Jeffrey Alan Corsini Karla Ann Chambers	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
28	Brian Mathew Godfrey Jamie Lee Gilchrist	Franklin, MA Douglas, MA

JULY

4	Peter Paul Solina Denise Lorraine Choquette	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
5	John Wayne Martin Carrie Ann Turcotte	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
5	Steven Matthew Senecal Tina Marie Duquette	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
13	Kevin Michael Brant Jessie Lynn Calvey	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
19	Robert Roland Monfils Lorraine Carol Flewelling	Smithfield, RI Cumberland, RI
19	Robert Alfred Renaud Amy Lynn Baumgartner	Central Falls, RI Central Falls, RI
19	Nino Carmine Evangelista Sandra Marie Baker	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
19	Todd Lee Van Laningham Sara Michelle Rudnick	St. Paul, MN St. Paul, MN
26	Stephen John Kelley Kelly Ann Mills	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
26	Laurence Joseph Donahue Jenny Rebecca Somers	No. Providence, RI Bellingham, MA

AUGUST

2	Ronan David Hanly Cheryl Anne Farris	Dorchester, MA Dorchester, MA
2	Carl Heath Dickmann Kathryn Joline Couture	Marlboro, MA Bellingham, MA
2	Christopher John Drolet Tracie Ann Peloquin	Lindoln, RI Lincoln, RI
9	Robert Tarr Christie, Jr. Heidi Ann Lemieux	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
9	Andrew Michael Baumgartner Karen Elisabeth Rao	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
16	Thomas Jefferson Hovey Dawn Gale Buxton	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
23	Jesse Michael Dennett Kristie Lee Harpin	Mapleville, RI Mapleville, RI
23	Scott A. Ambler Robin A. Brazeau	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
23	Wayne Edward Hakins Irene Cascella Doyle	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
24	Michael Richard Kearnan Ana Cristina Gaspar	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
30	Allan Daniel O'Toole Deborah Helene Beyer	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
30	Jason Frank DeLucia Kimberly Amber Phoutthasin	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

SEPTEMBER

5	William Joseph Casale Karen Lee Lombardo	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
6	Curtis Todd Brooks Karen Ann Tackett	Bellingham, MA Watertown, MA

SEPTEMBER

6	Adam Peter Baker Tracy Anne Lynch	Walpole, MA Bellingham, MA
6	Gary Christopher Breau Rose Marie Jagers	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
6	Daniel Gerard Houston, Sr. Cheryl Ann Dwyer	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
12	Larry French Wynn Margaret Mary Kardinal	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
13	George Elophe Bourgeois Valerie Janice Noel	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
13	Joseph Francis Considine, Jr. Lisa Marie Charron	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
13	Eric Jon Provost Celeste Renee Deslauriers	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
20	William Jules Cote Rita Mary Kent	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA
20	Joseph Michael Costello Karen Frances Long	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
20	Gerard Norman Denomme Diana Patrice Spoor	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
20	Steven John Niedzwiadek Tracy Jean Currie	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA
20	Eric John Cortes Debra Ann Palanzi	Bellingham, MA Milford, MA
21	Pierre Georges Saliba Paula Ann Crawford	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
27	Alan Michael Stearns Debra Connie Barrette	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
27	Timothy Francis Lilley, Jr. Paula Jean McCarthy	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

SEPTEMBER

27	Ronald Normand Pare Darlene Jean Tripodi	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
27	William Michael Gagnon Shannon Lee Thompson	Franklin, MA Franklin, MA
28	Gary Alan Pozner Alisa Beth Gustafson	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

OCTOBER

3	Thomas Anthony DeSisto Dianne Beth Boyer	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
4	William Edward Egan Nancy Louise Page	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
4	Antony Morais Goncalves Stephanie Marie Powers	Milford, MA Bellingham, MA
4	Thomas Allen Bull Jana Koubek	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
4	Richard Bertrand Boucher Janet Ann Goss	Holden, MA Holden, MA
5	Kirk Matthew Bentley Nancy Lee Ducharme	Bellingham, MA Woonsocket, RI
12	Justin Mathew Gervais Maureen Ellen Barnett	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
12	Joseph James Altomonte Jennifer Lynn Dotson	Bellingham, MA Leominster, MA
12	Richard Rene Bourque, Jr. Joan Vensel	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA
18	Joel David Bourre Stacey Leigh Miller	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
18	Louis John Masciarelli Kelly Ann Gorman	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

OCTOBER

25	Edward Charles Phaneuf Michelle Marie St.John	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
25	Albino Roxo Peniche Jennifer Jeanne Elliott	Milford, MA Bellingham, MA
25	Stanley Melvin Durgin Tara Baldelli	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

NOVEMBER

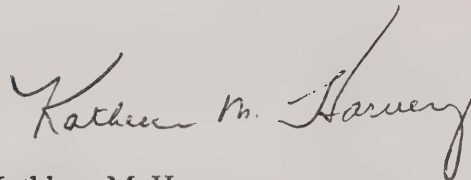
1	Scott Nelson Bayer, Jr. Alicia Marie Wilson	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
22	David Dale Quinn Heather Allen Hubbard	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
27	Robert John Juszczyszyn Jane Marie Pouliot	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
29	Robert Albert Collamati Mara Leana DaSilva Mangethi	Middleboro, MA Middleboro, MA

DECEMBER

6	Michael Kenneth Stevens Amy Brooke Fletchall	Ashland, MA Bellingham, MA
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ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

IN THE YEAR 1997

DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE
JANUARY		
7	Charles Gillingham, Jr.	69
13	Shirley Ann (O'Leary) Morrison	64
26	John P. Flaherty	69
26	Faustino A. Panizo	81
27	Nikolas Shane Desrosiers	3
31	Marie (Lesmeister) Paturzo	86
FEBRUARY		
3	Henry Edward Eaton, Sr.	69
13	Gladys L. (Baldwin) Glockner	76
15	Theodore Brewster	84
15	Rudolph Felice	68
16	Carolyn C. (Touchette) Piantedosi	47
18	Mary (Hucaluk) Zajac	100
24	Albin Edward Olson	77
MARCH		
8	Mary Elizabeth (Kiley) O'Malley	80
12	Claire I. (Martin) Dearborn	63
17	Phyllis G. (Sullivan) Clark	52
22	Roy A. Silva	72
23	Mac Andrew Elliott	20
25	William Butler Clemons	68
26	Frances E. (Peacock) Halteman	85
APRIL		
7	Pauline Annette (Arcand) Renaud	81
13	Herene Pouliot	78
20	Jane Dorothy (Kochanski) Flaherty	69
24	Yvette Dolores (Hogue) Belanger	66

MAY

2	John E. Post	56
18	Robert E. Colthart	65
18	William V. Matthews, Sr.	73

JUNE

17	Ernest G. Lamarre	73
24	Janet J. (LeClair) Fischer	47
30	Aldo Alfred Rubrigi	71

JULY

6	Levi J. Richard	89
7	David Allin Schaefer	54
10	Earl Newton Guyette, Sr.	83
17	Jeannette Delia (Langevin) Mailloux	77
19	Elke (DeBus) Goddard	39
26	Walter Eugene Gotovich	65
28	Alice J. (Barrett) Lucchesi	77
30	Paulette S. Allard	51

AUGUST

20	Irene Helen (Blaco) McLinden	80
24	Marie C. (Russell) Fitzpatrick	90
25	Robert Paul Hustler	56

SEPTEMBER

13	Kathryn C. (Birmingham) Harris	57
13	Paul Dufresne	83
30	Carl A. Rawlings	86

OCTOBER

1	Irene F. (Couture) Riquier	72
7	Frederick Dewolfe Wardrop	78
8	Estelle J. (Russo) Murphy	78
10	Phyllis M. (Johnson) Riley	67
28	Marion A. (White) Cook	87
31	Susan (Marshall) Spera	45

NOVEMBER

3	Gordon H. Ferris	68
20	Linda Susan (Kozak) Weed	47
20	Richard E. Hazard, Jr.	73
29	Linda A. (Newton) McDaniel	44
30	Vivian Marie (Ackerman) Havens	88

DECEMBER

4	Walter M. Roman	73
22	Edward Duprex	81
22	Charlotte (Mueller) Ollenborger	100
24	Kathleen M. (Kiejza) Hanrahan	51

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM 1996 BIRTHS

Births recorded in the Town of Bellingham in the year 1997 which **OCCURRED IN 1996**, too late for publication in last year's town report are as follows:

**DATE OF
BIRTH****NAME OF CHILD****NAME OF PARENTS****NOVEMBER**

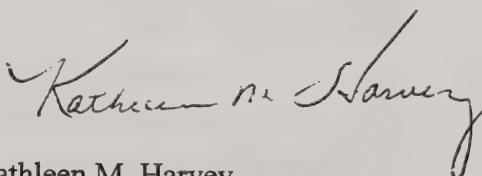
29	Forrest Shea Sweeney	Steven M. & Susan J. (Brayman)
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DECEMBER

6	Riley Joseph Doherty	Joseph E. & Kimberly A. (McGauley)
22	Stephen Thomas Martinis	Francis E. & Sharon A. (Jones)

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

Report of the Board of Registrars

1997

The Board of Registrars elected Republican Gordon D. Curtis as Chairman for 1997. Other members are Republican Norman J. Berry and Democrats Kathleen M. Harvey and Bruce W. Lord. Town Clerk, Mrs. Harvey also serves as clerk to the board. Appointed by the Board as Assistant Registrar of Voters at the High School was Edward L. Fleury of the High School Guidance Department.

Voter Registration sessions were held as required by law for all town meetings and town elections throughout the year. A special Voter Registration Day was held at the High School prior to the deadline for the Annual Town Election in May. Mrs. Harvey was assisted by Edward L. Fleury of the high school guidance department.

A breakdown of voters, by precinct and party affiliation as of December 31, 1997 was as follows:

<u>PCT. #</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Inter.3rd Party</u>	<u>Libertarian</u>	<u>Reform</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Unenrolled</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	499	1	8	0	227	889	1,624
2	564	0	4	0	217	903	1,688
3	483	2	3	0	227	972	1,687
4	531	0	2	0	255	940	1,728
5	794	0	6	1	162	766	1,727
TOTAL	2,871	3	23	1	1,087	4,469	8,454

We again wish to remind residents of some of the laws they should be aware of regarding voter registration to avoid any problems regarding their voting status. They are:

1. When voters move from one street address to another within the town they are required to file a written change of address notice with the Board of Registrars. This can be done in the Town Clerk's office or you may call and have a form sent to your home.
2. Minors who will become 18 years of age prior to any election or town meeting, may register to vote before the final day of voter registration, even though they have not become 18 years of age on the date of registration.
3. New residents may register to vote on their first day of residence in Bellingham and become immediately eligible to vote at all subsequent elections and town meetings, provided the registration is prior to the deadline for that particular election or meeting.
4. With the implementation of the Motor Voter Bill of 1995, significant changes have been made in the election laws, including voter registration. Residents may now register to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles and many Bellingham residents took

advantage of this new law. Mail-in voter registration forms are also available at the Bellingham Public Library, Bellingham Post Office or by calling the town clerk's office an application can be sent through the mail.

5. Absentee ballots may be mailed to any voter absent from the town on an election day or residents may vote by absentee ballot in the office of Town Clerk up until 12 noon the day before an election. Contact the office for general information on absentee voting at 966-5827.

TOWN CENSUS

The Board of Registrars conducted the annual census by mail in January and mailed 5490 census forms - one to each household in town. Success of the mail-in census rests solely on the cooperation of all the residents and the board wishes to thank all citizens for providing prompt and accurate information.

The towns population as of January 1, 1997 was certified as 14, 590 persons. This was an increase of 65 persons over the 1996 total of 14, 525.

(A complete tabulation of the towns population back to 1765, is shown separately in the Town Clerk's report.)

The town's resident population of all persons 18 years of age or older is 11,009 persons. Of this figure, 8,454 persons are registered to vote which is 77% of the eligible electorate.

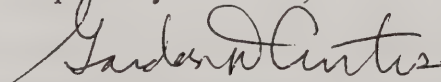
Females again outnumber the males in town by 234 with 7,412 females to 7,178 males.

AGE STATISTICS

Infants	0 through 5	1,054
School Age Children	6 through 17	2,527
College Age	18 through 21	671
Adults	22 through 59	8,316
Seniors	60 through 89	1,997
Super Seniors	90 and over	25
TOTAL		14,590

In closing, the Board of Registrars wish to thank Alice Manning for her diligence and hard work in updating the census during the months of January through March. A special "Thank You" to Florence MacLaughlin, Assistant Town Clerk, for her assistance to this board and the citizens of the Town of Bellingham during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon D. Curtis, Chairman

Norman J. Berry

Bruce W. Lord

Kathleen M. Harvey, Clerk to the Board



Bellingham Animal Control

Tel. 966 - 5823

6 Mechanic St., Bellingham, Mass. 02019

Lee A. Fleurette

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen;

Gentlemen:

As Animal Control Officer, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1997.

Complaints received and investigated	988
Citations issued	12
Dogs picked up, not claimed by owner	17
Dogs picked up, claimed by owner	72
Dogs found off leash	135
Cats picked up	22
Other animals picked up	37
Dead animals picked up	188
Wild animals Euthanized	17
Animals placed on Quarantine	35

Respectfully submitted

Lee A. Fleurette

Animal Control Officer



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REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

(1997)

Number of beef cattle	2
Number of horses	49
Number of ponies	4
Number of goats	10
Number of sheep	8
Number of mules	3
Number of Llama	1
Number of swine	7

Animal bites:

A total of 35 animal bites were investigated. All animals were restrained for a period of ten days, and none were found rabid.

Rabies:

A total of 13 animals were brought to the State Rabies Labs, all were found negative for rabies.

Lee A. Fleurette

Animal Inspector



BELLINGHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL -- ANNUAL REPORT

The Bellingham Cultural Council had another very productive year. In Fiscal Year 1997, the Cultural Council awarded grants totaling \$9,834 which included the state allotment of \$9,470 and \$834 in local unused funds. Five percent, \$470, was retained for administrative funds as allowed by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The Council approved \$5,450 for local art projects, \$1,934 for Performing Arts Student Series events, and \$2,450 for local Council-originated projects.

We funded school projects that included a musical narration performance about the history of the Blackstone River Valley, museum outreach programs, school and library performances by theater troupes, a program on deaf awareness, trips to various museums, a visiting author, outdoor entertainment for Pride Day, and an opera performance for senior citizens. The BCC also funded \$2,000 toward the cost of the commission of a work of art for the new Bellingham Town Common. P.A.S.S. were approved to help with school trips to museums, theaters, and living history sites.

Local Council-originated projects that were approved at the state level included two visual arts competitions, support for the Arts Center, and an arts scholarship for a graduating senior. The 1997 recipient was Brian DeDominici of Lizotte Drive.

The Bellingham Arts Center began its third year under the capable and talented direction of Linda F. Trudeau. We offer a multitude of courses each session, with talented instructors. The music instruction program has grown and offers one-on-one classes in guitar, trumpet, flute, french horn, tuba, drums, keyboard, and others. Other popular courses included cartooning, watercolor, and crafting/storytelling, murals, and more. One of our new offerings was the opportunity to learn the art of film developing.

Teenagers learned to paint murals as they adorned the walls of the preschool room at the Arts Center, and others learned all about building sets and running the cameras, in a cooperative effort with local Cable 8. Our director took art on the road and visited school cafeterias where she brought "Lunchbox Art" to elementary schoolchildren; and participated in Pride Day by drawing caricatures of children. Children in the crafts program performed a community service by making handpainted pumpkins which were delivered to the Blackstone Valley Adult Day Health Center.

Linda has made special efforts to ensure that anyone who wants to learn an art form has the opportunity to do so.

The Arts Center was the recipient of desks and chairs donated by Milford Federal Savings Bank, and will help fulfill Mrs. Trudeau's plan to have an instructor's desk in each classroom. Spring, summer and fall classes continue to be held at the Arts Center at 387 Hartford Ave., and, through a cooperative effort with the school, winter classes will be held in the Primavera Educational Center, Harpin Street.

Art exhibits opened January 11th with the first venue for the Northwest Print Council based in Seattle, Washington. It was made possible through an exchange show with the Monotype Guild of New England. In February, Cable 8's own Ed Langan of "Photoflash" held his first solo Photo Exhibition, opening on the 8th. March 8th saw the works of the Printmakers of Cape Cod on display. The Council's curator of exhibits, Muriel Henault Locklin is a member of this group and her work was included. The popular Bellingham Quilter's Show opened on April 12. Featured was some of the late Gladys Glockner's quilting. She was the

founder and CEO of the Quilters until her death on February 13th. On May 10th, the Council presented "Wildlife and the Art of Alaska", a fabulous collection owned by member Robert St. Gelais. It included a number of Conservation and Duck Stamps" winning designs. The reception included a slide presentation by wildlife artist Jay J. Johnson. From June 7 to July 10th, the Council displayed the entries in the Annual Art Competition. Shown were 47 pieces by 19 artists from Bellingham and surrounding communities. The show was judged by Thomas E. Hanley of Pocasset, MA. After a summer hiatus, the Competitive Photography Show opened on October 4th. A record 110 photographs by 43 amateur photographers were on display until October 31. The competition was judged by Rick Pace of Photography Associates on Pulaski Blvd. Bellingham. From November to December 30, we took "A Walk Through the Woods"...the works of the late Robert Wood, that is. A revisit of his last medium and small works, presented by his family. Earlier in the year the BCC presented the Bellingham Library with a framed Norman Rockwell sketch Robert Wood posed for along with photographs of Wood and Rockwell taken in that time period. This hangs in the Community Room at the Library. All our exhibits are in the Bellingham Public Library's Community Room and are open to viewing during library hours.

The Bellingham Cultural Council had the honor of hosting the Massachusetts Cultural Council Regional Meeting on May 17th. This meeting was held at the Bellingham Library with towns being represented throughout Massachusetts. This was extremely valuable to learn what other councils are doing for their communities. The meeting started with introductions and the future plans for the states direction in the arts fields both on the local and state level. Groups were then formed and attended various informational classes, i.e. grant process, P.A.S.S. grants, etc. These classes were enjoyable, educational and beneficial to all attending. Luncheon was provided by Deli Encounters. Our special thanks to Denis C. Fraine, Town Administrator, who attended.

The Cultural Council said good-bye to chairman and six-year member Robert St. Gelais, his six-year term expiring. We also re-welcomed Rolande Gentes, former member and now new member who had remained with us as advisor and secretary. Nancy Wildes was elected chairman with other members, Richard Bileau, Muriel Henault Locklin, curator, Ernest Taft, Kenneth Wildes and the most dedicated member Myrna Simonson.

Our sincere thanks to Town Administrator Denis C. Fraine for including the Cultural Council in the annual budget, to the Finance Committee for giving their stamp of approval, and to all those who support our efforts to provide artistic enrichment to the residents of Bellingham.

This report, a collaborative effort, is respectfully submitted by Nancy Wildes, Chairperson, Myrna F. Simonson, Treasurer; Muriel L. Henault Locklin, Curator of Exhibits; and Linda F. Trudeau, Arts Center Director.

BELLINGHAM AUXILIARY POLICE ANNUAL REPORT

EUGENE F. BARTLETT
CHIEF

JAMES EAMES
DEPUTY CHIEF

I extend my thanks to the Town Administrator Dennis Fraine, The Board Of Selectmen, Jacqueline, and the Town's people for their generous support and assistance. I also extend thanks to Chief Richard Boucher, Lt. James Haughey (our former liason officer), to Sgt. Peter Lemon (our present liason officer), Detective Sgt. Tim Buskirk, Patrol officer Ken LaMarre and all members of the Bellingham Police Dept. for all the untold hours of training, assistance, co-operation, guidance and professional courtesies and attitude afforded to me and the members of this department.

Special thanks to the individual officers of the Bellingham Police that go over and beyond to assist myself and this department in all phases of our training.

I offer my congratulations to Officers Tim Buskirk, Paul Peterson, Kevin Raineri upon their promotion to Sgt. and to Sgt. Jim Haughey on his promotion to Lt.

Congratulations also to Scott Provost on being accepted as a part-time officer for the Bellingham Police Dept. Again I am pleased to announce the Officer Of The Year Award (AKA Sgt. Gentile Award) was presented to Sgt. Joseph Matkowski at our annual Christmas party, held at the Sportmans Club in Bellingham.

Ten (10) officers assisted with the annual sleigh ride with Santa throughout the month of December. Six (6) officers assisted at the Spook Trail held at the Sportsmans Club in October. Five (5) officers assisted Hopkinton with the annual BAA Boston Marathon in April. Six (6) officers assisted the regular police at all home football games, three (3) assisted with graduation exercises at the high school in June. Seven (7) officers assisted with Halloween coverage, sixteen (16) officers assisted the regular police at the annual Memorial Day Parade in Bellingham in May.

Thanks to Lt. Steven Schreffler for computer enhancing our photo Id's. All members can now show positive identification.

Presently all officers are academy trained as reserve intermittent officers. All new officers will also be trained at the academy in the near future. Thanks to Chief Boucher for allowing this department this opportunity to further their education in law enforcement.

Several officers attended the retirement party for Lt. Bert Guerin.

In addition to the above duties, we also maintain patrols of all schools, town properties, provide church coverage on Sundays on a weekly basis and assist at accidents when needed.

At this time I also extend thank-yous to the Woonsocket Police Dept, Lt. Sansouci and all the members that have assisted this Dept. at their range. At the present time all members of this department have completed the C.P.R. (Cardio-Pulmonary Resusitation) and first responder classes conducted by Patrol Officer James Martin, thru the Mass Criminal Justice Training Council. All members have qualified at the firing range and have attended all safety classes on gun handling given by Patrol Officer Ken LaMarre of the Bellingham Police Dept. Lt. Haughey has provided several training films on Domestic Violence Officer Safety and Survival, Motor Vehicle Stops. Officer Martin has also conducted training classes on Officer Safety and Survival. In house training, uniforms and weapons inspections, proper radio procedures, report writing and self defense classes were conducted by the training staff.

Sgt. John Kauker, officers Mark Duquette and Tom Kierstead attended the Regional training classes conducted in Holliston, comprised of Hopkinton, Ashland, Bellingham and Holliston towns as part of a new training consortium within these area towns.

Sgt. Joseph Matkowski, Officers Mark Duquette, John Fowler, assisted the regular police officers J. Martin, D. Houston, T. Carnerio with the annual Bike-A-Thon sponsored by the St. Jude organization and the local Cub Scouts of Bellingham.

Our primary function is to assist the regular police department in the event of an emergency. It is not our intent or desire to take over any work that is customarily assigned to the regular police department. However, we do give freely of our time when asked to supplement the regular police department in our town.

The Bellingham Auxiliary Police is available to all non-profit organizations. If you wish our services, please contact the regular police department or call Chief Eugene Bartlett at his home.

Any person wishing to become an Auxiliary Officer can obtain an application or by calling Chief Bartlett. Persons seeking an application must be a resident of the Town Of Bellingham for at least one (1) year, and must be twenty-one (21) years of age.

As Chief of the Auxiliary Police, I commend this department for their professionalism, attitude, dedication and courtesies extended to me this past year. In closing I extend my thanks to all the Boards, Departments and individuals of the Town Of Bellingham that have assisted this department throughout the year.

Sincerly,

BELLINGHAM AUXILIARY POLICE ROSTER

CHIEF: EUGENE F. BARTLETT

DEPUTY CHIEF: JAMES EAMES, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

CAPTAIN: EARLE VATER, COMMUNICATIONS,
SELF-DEFENSE

1ST LT: G. STEVEN SCHREFFLER, SECRETARY

LINE SERGEANTS: JOSEPH MATKOWSKI, SUPPLY, CRUISER
DATA REPORTS
JOHN KAUKER, TREASURER
RONALD MASON

PATROL OFFICERS: FRED SAVOIE
MARK DUQUETTE
KEN JONES
TOM KIERSTEAD
JOHN FOWLER
JASON BOITEAU
ROGER ROBERTS
HARRY (SKIP) SCHREFFLER

DECEASED: RICHARD KARDINAL, 1997



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

6 MECHANIC STREET
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Annual Report of 1997

Vincent Forte, Jr. was elected Chairman of the Board of Health in 1997. Jeanne M. Deffley and Walter J. DePaolo were appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacant positions on the Board of Health. Mr. DePaolo was elected Vice-Chairman by the members.

Mr. Albert Florentz served as Health Agent until September 23, 1997. During that time, he assisted Mr. Forte with preparations for the Septic Loan Program in addition to his regular duties. Upon Mr. Florentz's resignation, Mr. William Fisher was appointed Interim Health Agent.

The E.M.S. Committee sponsored two anti-choke training courses during the year. These courses are to train the owners and employees of food establishments in the proper procedures of removing food lodged in the throat. All Food Service Establishments shall have on duty a minimum of one (1) employee currently certified in the Heimlich Maneuver during operational hours.

The Blackstone Valley Tobacco Control Program has accepted the towns of Millville and Northbridge upon the approval of the Bellingham Board of Health. Sally Mendzela is the Director of the Program and works with the Towns of Bellingham, Blackstone, Mendon and Uxbridge as well as the new towns on tobacco control issues.

Vincent Forte, Jr., as Liaison from the Board of Health attended meetings of the Health Advisory Council in April and December upon invitation by Dr. Francis Driscoll, Curriculum Coordinator of the School Department.

The Board thanks the following for their help in the past year: Lawrence Cibley, Wilfred Arcand, former Board Members, Albert Florentz, former Health Agent, Jill Karakein, former Principal Clerk, Valerie DeAngelis former Minutes Clerk all of whom have left the department during the past year. Our thanks also to Bill Fisher, Interim Health Agent, Charlotte Mangano, Board of Health Clerk, Earl Vater, Assistant Health Agent, Ted Bailey, Stuart LeClaire, Florent Levesque and Paul StGeorge, for all their work for the Board of Health.

We would like to thank Norfolk County Mosquito for all their hard work of spraying at no cost to the Town.

We thank the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Milford-Northbridge for all their cooperation and service to Bellingham, residents.

The Board of Health extends it's gratitude and thanks to all concerned citizens and public officials for their cooperation and assistance in promoting the health, welfare and safety of all our citizens.

The numbers of permits that were issued by the Board of Health are as follows:

29	Retail Food Establishments
48	Food Service Establishments
8	Temporary Food Permits
2	Mobil food Permits
9	Milk & Cream Permits
31	Tobacco Vendor Permits
50	Repaired Septic Systems
28	New Septic Systems
42	Disposal Works Installers Permits
21	Septic Transporter Permits
5	Rubbish Hauler Permits
2	Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits
2	Syringe Permits
2	Burial Agent Permits
1	Campground Permits
1	Tanning Permit
1	Massage Establishment Permit
1	Massage Operator Permit

There were 115 Restaurant Inspections conducted and 4 Food Complaints investigated in 1997.

\$30, 442.88 in fees was collected by the Board of Health.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

All citizens of Bellingham can take great pride in their community as we move toward the 21st century.

Our infrastructure improvements for 1997/98 include additional personnel and equipment for the Department of Public Works, Police and Fire Departments and a completed Town Common for everyone to enjoy. Additionally, we have brought a new well on line to provide better water service and completed work on the track and field facilities at the high school.

Financially, our conservative fiscal policies have achieved the desired results. Bellingham has attained the highest bond rating available for communities our size. We have stabilized the tax rate, increased the monies in the stabilization fund and, very importantly, have established a tax stabilization fund whereby we will allocate up to 30% of our anticipated new tax revenue from industrial build out into an interest bearing account that should provide financial stability for many years to come.

We thank the Finance Committee for their important role in our fiscal well-being and the department heads for level funding their annual operating budgets.

Plans for 1998 include Phase III sewer work (design, engineering and permitting) with construction to begin in 1999. A new senior center will be conceptualized in 1998 and, hopefully, work will begin on the renovation of the existing high school to a middle school, and the construction of a new high school on town-owned land on Blackstone Street.

Many of these projects are the result of successful negotiations with IDC (\$8 million gift for the high school project) and ANP (\$5 million for water/sewer, scholarship fund, senior center, well and water conservation improvements).

Retail expansion continues at Crossroads Marketplace (Outback Restaurant, MVP Sports, A.C. Moore) and the newly developed Charles River Center

(Hoyt Cinemas in February '98 along with Chilis Restaurant, Nature's Heartland and Linens and Things later in 1998).

In May 1997, we welcomed Roger Oakley to our Board and are pleased to have his diligence and effort as part of our team.

This report would not be complete without giving heartfelt thanks to Jim McElroy, who served this town with dignity and honor for 20 years on the Planning & Zoning Boards and the Board of Selectmen. Our best wishes to Jim, Shirley and their family.

The Master Plan Steering Committee, chaired by colleague Guy Fleurette, completed the Town's first comprehensive Master Plan since 1964. Thanks to every member of that committee, along with citizen focus groups, for developing a "road map" for the town to follow that will ensure an improved quality of life for all citizens. The Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Conservation Commission have pledged their support in implementing this plan.

On behalf of the Board, I thank all town employees and volunteers who serve Bellingham on many boards and committees for their pride in community, diligence and job performance. I challenge all of us to keep this momentum, spirit and drive alive in 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Selectmen
Jerald A. Mayhew, Chairman
Ann L. Odabashian, Vice Chairman
John E. Tuttle, Jr.
Guy A. Fleurette
Roger H. Oakley

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

At the May, 1997 Town Meeting, the voters authorized the formation of a Capital Improvement Committee ("CIC"). The Board of Selectmen appointed Sharon M. Bryant (Finance Committee Member), Henri J. Mason (Finance Committee Member), Toni A. Picariello, Douglas J. MacLachlan and Ernie S. Torricelli to this committee.

The CIC will hold regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and schedule meetings with departments regarding their future capital spending plans of any item or improvement over \$100,000.00.

Being a new Committee formed in late 1997, the required 5-year capital improvement budget listing all department requests is incomplete at this time.

A full 5-year capital program will be provided in next year's report.

Below is the bylaw outlining the duties of the CIC:

Article 7.01-Appointment

A Capital Improvements Committee of five members consisting of 2 Finance Committee members and 3 At-large shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Members shall serve a term (3 years) contemporaneous with their term on the Finance Committee. Re-appointment to the Finance Committees shall not automatically cause re-appointment to the Capital Improvements Committee. The Board of Selectmen may remove a member or members of the Capital Improvements Committee. Any vacancy on the Capital Improvements Committee shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the Term.

Article 7.02 Estimates of funds for capital improvements

The Capital Improvements Committee shall study those capital improvements as defined in Article 1.02 that are above \$100,000. The Selectmen and all Boards, Committees, Head of Departments or other officers of the town authorized by law to expend money shall furnish to the

Capital Improvements Committee, with their annual budget requests, detailed estimates of the amount necessary for capital improvements for the departments under their jurisdiction for at least the following five (5) years.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall consider the relative need, timing and cost, completeness of the planning, community support, availability of outside finding, and other factors The Capital Improvements Committee shall deem appropriate to the individual expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position to the town.

Article 7.03 Preparation of Annual Report and five year capital program.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall maintain an ongoing five year Capital Improvement budget which shall be published yearly in the Annual Town Report and be on file at all times in the office of Town Clerk.

Article 7.04 Presentation to Town Meeting.

The Capital Improvements Committee shall schedule capital improvement projects for presentation to the October Town Meeting and other Town Meetings as deemed appropriate.

Article 7.05 Stabilization Fund

All requests for transfers or expenditures from the Stabilization Fund must be presented to the Capital Improvements Committee prior to the Town Meeting at which such transfer or expenditures are to be voted and the Capital Improvement Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting on the amount and appropriateness of all such transfers or expenditures from this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernie S. Torricelli, Chairman
Douglas J. MacLachlan, Vice Chairman
Toni A. Picariello, Secretary
Sharon M. Bryant, FinCom
Henri J. Masson, FinCom

Date: January 22, 1998

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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

TOWN HALL ANNEX

4 Mechanic Street

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen: Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

Report of the Chief Financial Officer

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61, of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the annual report of the Chief Financial Officer for the fiscal year July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

The Treasurer-Collector's cash was examined and found to be in balance. An audit of fiscal 1997 was performed and the results were presented to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. The audit results from fiscal 1997 are included in this report. Notable was the absence of a Management Letter from the audit firm. This is indicative of good financial management and sound fiscal health.

Various financial reports are included in my annual report and all accounts are maintained under the Uniform Municipal Accounting System as promulgated by the state of Massachusetts. The method of accounting used is a cash basis/modified accrual fund basis that brings the town's accounting methods more closely into a GAAP basis of accounting that is used nationally.

Fiscal 1997 was a successful year for the town of Bellingham. We have again pursued delinquent taxes aggressively. This contributed to our overall financial health. Continued financial management and planning are of utmost importance. The Financial Office continues to maintain a conservation approach to both revenue forecasting and expense budgeting.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the office of the Town Administrator and the Finance Committee for their continued support. Also, I would like to thank all town departments for their cooperation, as their support has been vital.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn A. Mathieu
Chief Financial Officer

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Consistent with the practice of most municipalities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town does not capitalize the cost of general fixed assets as required by generally accepted accounting principles. The effects on financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position due to this departure from generally accepted accounting principles is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, except for the effect of the items discussed in paragraph 3, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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Certified Public Accountants

September 2, 1997

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 1997

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS	JUNE 30, 1997
ASSETS:						
CASH	\$ 3,083,520	\$ 1,094,877	\$ 990,990	\$ 3,426,080	\$ -	\$ 8,595,467
INVESTMENTS	2,428,995	-	-	118,013	-	2,547,008
INVESTMENT IN DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN	-	-	-	2,879,398	-	2,879,398
PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE:						
CURRENT YEAR	317,421	-	-	-	-	317,421
PRIOR YEAR	32,143	-	-	-	-	32,143
OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:						
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	92,449	-	-	-	-	92,449
TAX LIENS	1,068,877	-	-	-	-	1,068,877
WATER	134,297	-	-	-	-	134,297
SEWER	18,743	-	-	-	-	18,743
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	1,802,594	-	-	-	-	1,802,594
DEPARTMENTAL	190,861	-	-	11,775	-	202,636
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	510,516	184,458	-	-	694,974
OTHER ASSETS	16,943	-	-	263,632	-	280,575
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIREMENT OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS	-	-	-	-	21,205,000	21,205,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 9,186,843	\$ 1,605,393	\$ 1,175,448	\$ 6,698,898	\$ 21,205,000	\$ 39,871,582
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LIABILITIES:						
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 880,362	\$ 73,222	\$ 4,341	\$ 156,792	\$ -	\$ 1,114,717
OTHER LIABILITIES	18,339	-	-	2,167	-	20,506
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PAYABLE	-	-	-	2,879,398	-	2,879,398
DEFERRED REVENUE	2,799,022	462,378	184,458	-	-	3,445,858
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS	875,306	-	-	-	-	875,306
BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE	-	300,000	-	-	20,790,000	21,090,000
LANDFILL CLOSURE CARE COSTS	-	-	-	-	415,000	415,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,573,029	835,600	188,799	3,038,357	21,205,000	29,840,785
FUND EQUITY:						
FUND BALANCES:						
RESERVED:						
ENCUMBRANCES	1,061,881	-	-	-	-	1,061,881
UNRESERVED:						
DESIGNATED (NOTE 10)	450,385	769,793	986,649	3,660,541	-	5,867,368
UNDESIGNATED (NOTE 9)	3,101,548	-	-	-	-	3,101,548
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	4,613,814	769,793	986,649	3,660,541	-	10,030,797
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 9,186,843	\$ 1,605,393	\$ 1,175,448	\$ 6,698,898	\$ 21,205,000	\$ 39,871,582
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these general purpose financial statements

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	TOTALS
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	EXPENDABLE TRUST	(MEMORANDUM ONLY)
REVENUE:					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 14,387,421	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,387,421
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE	7,579,879	1,179,185	16,035	-	8,775,099
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	1,064,958	-	-	-	1,064,958
INVESTMENT INCOME	304,009	3,568	-	133,781	441,358
WATER & SEWER	1,176,086	-	-	-	1,176,086
SEWER BETTERMENTS	312,215	-	-	-	312,215
PENALTIES & INTEREST	117,436	-	-	-	117,436
TRASH FEES	662,206	-	-	-	662,206
DEPARTMENTAL	<u>627,435</u>	<u>1,062,785</u>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>547,691</u>	<u>2,687,911</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>26,231,645</u>	<u>2,245,538</u>	<u>466,035</u>	<u>681,472</u>	<u>29,624,690</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,811,998	8,428	472,664	-	2,293,090
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,291,601	81,675	358	-	2,373,634
EDUCATION	12,252,221	1,375,288	1,052,738	91,632	14,771,879
PUBLIC WORKS	2,030,197	465,885	898,171	243	3,394,496
WATER & SEWER	963,282	-	-	-	963,282
HUMAN SERVICES	124,401	86,039	-	-	210,440
CULTURE & RECREATION	335,553	49,913	125,513	-	510,979
DEBT & INTEREST	3,231,006	-	-	-	3,231,006
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	127,082	-	-	-	127,082
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u>823,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,627,021</u>	<u>2,450,302</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>23,990,622</u>	<u>2,067,228</u>	<u>2,549,444</u>	<u>1,718,896</u>	<u>30,326,190</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>2,241,023</u>	<u>178,310</u>	<u>(2,083,409)</u>	<u>(1,037,424)</u>	<u>(701,500)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
BOND PROCEEDS	-	-	4,730,000	-	4,730,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	25,000	-	-	2,033,714	2,058,714
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	<u>(2,033,714)</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,058,714)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(2,008,714)</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>	<u>4,730,000</u>	<u>2,033,714</u>	<u>4,730,000</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	<u>232,309</u>	<u>153,310</u>	<u>2,646,591</u>	<u>996,290</u>	<u>4,028,500</u>
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>4,381,505</u>	<u>616,483</u>	<u>(1,659,942)</u>	<u>2,664,251</u>	<u>6,002,297</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 4,613,814</u>	<u>\$ 769,793</u>	<u>\$ 986,649</u>	<u>\$ 3,660,541</u>	<u>\$ 10,030,797</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these general purpose financial statements

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUE:				
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 14,239,123	\$ 14,239,123	\$ 14,239,126	\$ 3
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE	7,499,332	7,499,332	7,579,879	80,547
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	800,000	800,000	1,064,958	264,958
INVESTMENT INCOME	185,000	185,000	304,009	119,009
WATER & SEWER	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,176,086	(73,914)
SEWER BETTERMENTS	175,000	175,000	312,215	137,215
PENALTIES & INTEREST	85,000	85,000	117,436	32,436
TRASH FEES	600,000	600,000	662,206	62,206
DEPARTMENTAL	<u>372,000</u>	<u>372,000</u>	<u>627,435</u>	<u>255,435</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>25,205,455</u>	<u>25,205,455</u>	<u>26,083,350</u>	<u>877,895</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,565,112	2,541,912	2,295,286	246,626
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,457,683	2,457,683	2,368,874	88,809
EDUCATION	12,179,899	12,179,899	12,176,826	3,073
PUBLIC WORKS	1,827,871	2,024,269	2,043,865	(19,596)
WATER & SEWER	932,518	997,818	982,367	15,451
HUMAN SERVICES	143,796	143,796	124,401	19,395
CULTURE & RECREATION	343,267	343,267	330,706	12,561
DEBT & INTEREST	3,270,000	3,270,000	3,231,006	38,994
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	113,153	113,153	127,082	(13,929)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u>1,080,712</u>	<u>842,214</u>	<u>823,281</u>	<u>18,933</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>24,914,011</u>	<u>24,914,011</u>	<u>24,503,694</u>	<u>410,317</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	291,444	291,444	1,579,656	1,288,212
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	<u>(2,033,714)</u>	<u>(2,033,714)</u>	<u>(2,033,714)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>(2,008,714)</u>	<u>(2,008,714)</u>	<u>(2,008,714)</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ (1,717,270)	\$ (1,717,270)	\$ (429,058)	\$ 1,288,212
TRANSFER FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,732,564	\$ 1,732,564		
PRIOR YEARS' DEFICITS RAISED	<u>(15,294)</u>	<u>(15,294)</u>		
	\$ 1,717,270	\$ 1,717,270		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these general purpose financial statements

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying general purpose financial statements present the financial position of the various funds and account group of the Town of Bellingham (the "Town") as of June 30, 1997. The report includes all the services provided by the Town to its residents and businesses within its boundaries. Municipal services provided include education, public safety, recreation, public works, library and general administration. Criteria used in determining the scope of the reporting entity included the Town's ability to significantly influence operations, selection of governing authority, designation of management, financial interdependency and accountability for fiscal matters. All operations of the Town that meet the preceding criteria are included in the reporting entity.

Excluded from the reporting entity:

Bellingham Housing Authority. The Bellingham Housing Authority has its own elected board. The Town does not exercise any oversight authority and has no influence in its budget or operations.

B. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town are presented on the basis of funds and an account group, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for in a set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, expenditures or expenses and other financing sources and uses. The various funds and account group are grouped by fund categories and fund types as follows:

Governmental Funds Types. Governmental Fund Types are those through which most governmental functions are typically financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the government's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The governmental funds maintained by the Town are as follows:

General Fund - is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Funds - are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by trust funds.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
- NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Fiduciary Funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. Fiduciary funds maintained by the Town are as follows:

Agency Funds - are used to account for funds that are custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of operations.

Expendable Trust Funds - are used to account for trust fund principal and income that may be expended in accordance with conditions of the trust. Expendable trust funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental funds.

Account Group. An account group is used to establish accounting control and accountability for the unmatured principal of its general long-term debt and other long-term obligations that relate to the governmental funds. The Town does not maintain a general fixed asset group of accounts. The account group maintained by the Town is as follows:

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - is used to account for general long-term debt and certain other liabilities that are not specific liabilities of proprietary or trust funds.

C. Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types, expendable trust funds and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

The Town reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenues also arise when resources are received by the Town before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In the subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

D. Budgets

An annual budget is adopted for the Town's General Fund. Although legislative approval is required for certain capital projects and borrowing authorizations, annual budgets are not prepared for any other funds. Therefore comparison of budget to actual is only presented for the General Fund.

The Town's annual budget is adopted on a statutory basis that differs in some respects from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The major differences between the budget and GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Budgeted revenues are recorded when cash is received, except for real estate and personal property taxes, which are recorded as revenue when levied (budget), as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP);
- (b) Encumbrances are treated as expenditures in the year the purchase commitment is made. Also, certain appropriations, known as special articles, do not lapse and are treated as budgetary expenditures in the year they are authorized.

E. Cash and Investments

Cash balances from all funds, except those required to be segregated by law, are combined to form a pool of cash. Cash balances are invested to the extent available and interest earnings are recognized in the General Fund, certain Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds where required by state law.

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the Town.

Investments are stated at cost or amortized cost, except for investments in the deferred compensation agency fund which are reported at market value.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -
JUNE 30, 1997

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

F. Accounts Receivable

Real and Personal Property Taxes. Real and Personal Property Taxes are based on values assessed as of each January 1 and are normally due on the subsequent August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1. By law, all taxable property in the Commonwealth must be assessed at 100% of fair cash value. Taxes due and unpaid after the respective due dates are subject to interest and penalties assessed at 14%. The Town has an ultimate right to foreclosure on property for unpaid taxes. Property taxes are recorded as revenue in the fiscal accounting period that they become both measurable and available. "Available" means expected to be collected within 60 days after the year end of the fiscal year, except under unusual circumstances.

Other Accounts Receivable. Accounts receivable, other than real and personal property taxes, are recorded when billed. Allowances for bad debts, abatements and exemptions are estimated based on historical collections.

G. Inventories

Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when purchased. Inventories of proprietary funds are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Currently the Town does not have any proprietary funds that would use inventorable items in the normal course of their operation.

H. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted sick and vacation leave in varying amounts based on tenure and in accordance with individual union contracts. Upon retirement certain employees are compensated for unused vacation and sick leave (subject to certain limitations) at their current rates of pay. The current and long-term liability for compensated absences is immaterial and has not been recorded in the General Fund or the General Long-Term Obligations Account Groups respectively.

I. Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

J. Deferred Revenue

In Governmental Funds, receivables that are not considered available are deferred until collected. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, such amounts are measurable but not available.

K. Fund Equity

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgeting integration in the General Fund. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservation of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities at that date.

L. Interfund Transactions

All interfund transactions are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

M. Memorandum Only - Total Columns

Total-columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only for informational purposes.

Note 2. Budgets

Legal Compliance. Budgets are initially prepared by department heads or elected boards, reviewed by the Board of Selectmen, further reviewed by the Finance Committee which makes recommendations to the Town Meeting for approval. The Town must establish its property tax each year so that the property tax rate levy will comply with the limits established by Proposition 2-1/2, Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, and also equal the sum of (a) the aggregate of all annual appropriations, plus (b) the provision for prior year deficits, if any, less (c) the aggregate of all non-property tax revenues estimated to be received, including available funds. Supplemental appropriations may be made from available funds after the setting of the tax rate. All fiscal year appropriations except appropriations for special purposes lapse at year end.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997

Note 2. Budgets, continued

Budgetary Data. Budgetary data is based upon accounting principles that differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, in addition to the GAAP basis financial statements, the results of the General Fund are presented in accordance with budgetary accounting principles to provide a meaningful comparison with the budget. The following reconciliation summarizes the differences between GAAP and budgetary basis accounting principles for the General Fund for the year ended June 30, 1997:

	<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</u>
As reported on a budgetary basis	\$ (429,058)
Adjustment of revenue to modified accrual basis	148,295
To record fiscal year 1997 expenditures from prior year encumbrances and special articles	(402,595)
To eliminate fiscal year 1997 encumbrances and articles carried forward	<u>915,667</u>
As reported on GAAP basis	\$ 232,309 =====

Note 3. Deposits and Investments

The Town maintains a cash pool that is available for use by all funds, except trust funds. Each fund types' portion of this pool is reflected on the general purpose financial statements under the caption "Cash" and the interest earnings attributable to each fund type are included under "investment income".

State and local statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available to the Town. Deposits (including demand deposits, term deposits and certificates of deposit) in any one financial institution may not exceed certain levels within the financial institutions involved. Investments can also be made in securities issued by or unconditionally guaranteed by the U.S. Government or Agencies that have a maturity of less than one year from the date of purchase, repurchase agreements guaranteed by such securities with maturity dates of no more than 90 days from the date of purchase and units in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997

Note 3. Deposits and Investments, continued

DEPOSITS

At year end, the carrying amount of the Town's deposits, excluding petty cash of \$385, was \$8,595,082 and the bank balance was \$8,962,921. The insurance coverage for the bank balance is listed below.

<u>Insured Balances</u>	
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)	\$ 1,666,645
Depositor's Insurance Fund of Massachusetts (DIFM)	<u>1,399,978</u>
Balances Insured	3,066,623
Balances Uninsured & Uncollateralized	<u>5,896,298</u>
Total Balances Per Bank	<u>\$ 8,962,921</u>
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INVESTMENTS

State statutes authorize the Town to invest in term deposits or certificates of deposit, in trust companies, national banks, savings banks or banking companies, and in obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the United States Government or an agency thereof. The Town is also authorized to invest in repurchase agreements. Funds that are the result of a grant, gift or trust must be invested in accordance with the terms of such grant, gift or trust. Trust funds can be placed at interest in savings, trust or FDIC banking companies which are incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth or national banks. The Town is also authorized to invest in participation units in a combined investment fund, and bonds, notes or securities which are legal investments for savings banks.

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
State Treasurer's Investment Pool	\$ 2,547,008	\$ 2,547,008
Investment in Deferred Compensation Plan Mutual Fund	<u>2,879,398</u>	<u>2,879,398</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 5,426,406</u>	<u>\$ 5,426,406</u>
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The composition of the Town's deposits and investments fluctuates depending primarily on the timing of real estate tax receipts and operating and capital outlays throughout the year.

Note 4. Fixed Assets

The Town does not capitalize the cost of general fixed assets as required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The effects on financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position due to this departure from GAAP is not reasonably determinable.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997

Note 5. Temporary borrowings

Under state law, and with the appropriate local authorization, the Town is authorized to borrow funds on a temporary basis as follows:

- . To fund current operations prior to the collection of revenues by issuing revenue anticipation notes (RANS).
- . To fund grants prior to reimbursement by issuing grant anticipation notes (GANS).
- . To fund Capital project costs incurred prior to selling permanent debt by issuing bond anticipation notes (BANS).

Temporary loans are general obligations of the Town and maturity dates are governed by statute.

Note 6. Risk Management

The Town has established a limited risk management program for health care and workers' compensation benefits. Premiums are paid into the trust fund by all other funds and are available to pay claims, claim reserves and administrative costs of the program. The Town retains the health care provider to administer the claims process. An excess coverage insurance policy covers individual health care claims in excess of \$45,000. Estimated claims incurred but not paid or reported of \$150,000 have been recorded as of June 30, 1997. Funding is provided by Town Meeting authorized operating transfers from the General Fund and payroll withholdings from employees. An analysis of claims activities and current fund balances is presented below.

	<u>Risk Management Program</u>	
	<u>Health Care</u>	<u>Workers' Compensation</u>
Claims payable June 30, 1996	\$ 235,000	\$ -
Current year claims and changes in estimates	1,502,777	69,088
Actual claim payments	(1,587,777)	(69,088)
Claims payable June 30, 1997	\$ 150,000	\$ -
	=====	=====
Fund Balance	\$ 1,567,787	\$ 147,070
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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

Note 7. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Changes in Long-Term Obligations.

During the year ended June 30, 1997, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the general long-term obligations account group:

DESCRIPTION	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE	ORIGINAL	AMOUNT				AMOUNT
				PRINCIPAL	OUTSTANDING	OUTSTANDING			
				AT JUNE 30,	1996	ADDITIONS	RETIREMENTS	AT JUNE 30,	
				AMOUNT					1997
BONDS AND OTHER LONG-TERM NOTES PAYABLE:									
GENERAL OBLIGATION	07/01/91	07/01/11	7.39%	\$6,450,000	\$ 1,980,000	\$ -	\$ 330,000	\$ 1,650,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	01/15/90	01/15/05	6.74%	\$4,555,000	2,515,000	-	300,000	2,215,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	01/01/89	06/01/03	7.14%	\$4,300,000	1,980,000	-	290,000	1,690,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	02/01/89	12/01/03	7.14%	\$2,000,000	1,020,000	-	140,000	880,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	11/15/86	11/15/01	5.60%	\$3,845,000	1,110,000	-	285,000	825,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	09/01/94	09/01/14	5.45%	\$5,710,000	5,385,000	-	325,000	5,060,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	12/06/94	12/06/14	5.63%	\$390,000	370,000	-	20,000	350,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	03/12/96	03/12/12	4.92%	\$3,725,000	3,725,000	-	-	3,725,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	12/15/96	12/15/11	4.76%	\$3,953,000	-	3,953,000	-	3,953,000	
					18,085,000	3,953,000	1,690,000	20,348,000	

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE:

GENERAL OBLIGATION	12/17/96	12/17/97	3.90%	-	192,000	-	192,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION	06/17/96	12/17/97	4.14%	-	250,000	-	250,000
				-	<u>442,000</u>	-	<u>442,000</u>

OTHER OBLIGATIONS:

CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATION	446,966	446,966	-
LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	<u>558,000</u>	-	<u>143,000*</u>
	<u>1,004,966</u>	-	<u>589,966</u>
	<u>\$ 19,089,966</u>	<u>\$ 4,395,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,279,966</u>
	<u>\$ 21,205,000</u>		

* = REPRESENTS NET DECREASE IN ESTIMATE

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997

Note 7. Long-term Obligations, continued

General Obligations Bonds

The annual requirements to amortize all outstanding bonds, including interest, as of June 30, 1997 is as follows:

Year Ended	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
June 30, 1998	\$ 1,968,000	\$ 1,121,580	\$ 3,089,580
1999	1,990,000	994,340	2,984,340
2000	1,975,000	870,983	2,845,983
2001	1,975,000	753,655	2,728,655
2002	1,980,000	637,410	2,617,410
thereafter	<u>10,460,000</u>	<u>2,741,879</u>	<u>13,201,879</u>
	\$ 20,348,000	\$ 7,119,847	\$ 27,467,847
	=====	=====	=====

The Town also has \$300,000 in grant anticipation notes in the Special Revenue Fund.

Legal Debt Margin

The following is a computation of the legal debt margin as of June 30, 1997:

Equalized Valuation (January 1, 1996)		
Personal Property and Real Estate		\$ 958,717,400
Debt Limit - 5.0% of Equalized Valuation		\$ 47,935,870
Long-term bonds & notes outstanding	\$ 20,348,000	
Loans authorized & unissued	1,938,919	
Less: Authorized & unissued -		
outside debt limit	(250,000)	
Less: Debt issued - outside debt limit	<u>\$ (17,105,000)</u>	<u>4,931,919</u>
Legal Debt Margin - inside debt limit		\$ 43,003,951
		=====
Equalized Valuation (January 1, 1996)		
Personal Property and Real Estate		\$ 958,717,400
Debt Limit - 10.0% of Equalized Valuation		\$ 95,871,740
Long-term bonds & notes outstanding	\$ 20,348,000	
Loans authorized & unissued	<u>\$ 1,938,919</u>	<u>22,286,919</u>
Legal Debt Margin - all debt		\$ 73,584,821
		=====

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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JUNE 30, 1997

Note 7. Long-term Obligations, continued

Overlapping Debt

The Town pays assessments under formulas which include debt service payments to other governmental agencies providing services to the Town, (commonly referred to as overlapping debt). The following summary sets forth the long-term debt of such governmental agencies and the estimated share being financed by the Town as of June 30, 1997:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>Total Long-Term Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Town's Estimated Share</u>	<u>Town's - Indirect Debt</u>
Norfolk County	\$ 1,910,000	2.12%	\$ 40,492
Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District	630,000	11.232%	70,762
	<u>\$ 2,540,000</u>		<u>\$ 111,254</u>
	=====		=====

Note 8. Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs

The Town's landfill was closed in 1996 by order of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The DEP approved the capping construction of the landfill in December 1996. The Town is responsible for postclosure monitoring at the site for thirty years and the estimated liability has been recorded in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group.

Note 9. Undesignated Fund Balance

In order to prepare the accompanying financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, certain budgetary surpluses and deficits, which would otherwise be reflected on the balance sheet under the Massachusetts Statutory System, have been included in undesignated fund balances as follows:

Undesignated	\$ 3,165,171
Appropriation Deficits	(56,894)
State and County Assessments, Net	(6,729)
	<u>\$ 3,101,548</u>
	=====

Note 10. Designated Fund Balance

The composition of designated fund balance is as follows:

Fund Balance Reserved for Special Purposes	\$ 450,000
Fund Balance Reserved for Petty Cash	385
	<u>\$ 450,385</u>
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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997

Note 11. Appropriation Deficits

Excess of actual expenditures over budget for the General Fund:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Snow & Ice Control	\$ 53,931
Fica/Medicare Taxes	<u>2,963</u>
	\$ 56,894
	=====

Note 12. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Numerous lawsuits are pending or threatened against the Town, including those claims asserted which are incidental to performing ordinary governmental functions. Such litigation includes actions commenced and claims asserted against the Town for property damage and personal injury, breaches of contract, condemnation proceedings and other alleged violations of law. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable in the opinion of the Town attorney the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Town.

As of June 30, 1997, the Town has loans authorized but unissued as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Macy School Roof	#08 05/24/95	400
Sewer Systems	#17 05/24/95	250,000
Playing Fields	#8 05/22/96	50,000
Computer	#24 05/22/96	19
High School Track	#8 05/28/97	25,000
Playing Fields II	#8 05/28/97	100,000
Town Hall Renovations	#10 05/28/97	1,213,500
School Computer Lease II	#16 05/28/97	<u>300,000</u>
		\$ 1,938,919
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**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1997**

Note 13. Deferred Compensation Plan

The Town offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Service Code Section 457. The plan, available to all government employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

It is the opinion of the Town's management that the Town has no liability for losses under the plan but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. The Town believes that it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

Note 14. Employee Retirement System

The Town follows the provisions of GASB Statement No.27, Accounting for State and Local Government Employees, with respect to the employees retirement funds.

A. Plan Description

The Town contributes to the Norfolk County Contributory Retirement System (the "System"), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan administered by a county retirement board. The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan, and grant cost-of-living increases, to the State legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report which can be obtained through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission ("PERAC"), One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

B. Funding Policy

Plan members are required to contribute to the system at rates ranging from 5% to 11% of annual covered compensation. The Town is required to pay into the System, its share of the remaining systemwide actuarially determined contribution plus administration costs which are apportioned among the employers based on active covered payroll. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts reimburses the System for a portion of benefit payments for cost of living increases. The contributions to the System for years ended June 30, 1997, 1996 and 1995 were \$633,606, \$602,687 and \$496,339, respectively, which were equal to its required contributions for each of these years.

Town of Bellingham
YTD Expenditure Summary
Fiscal Year: 1997

Account Description	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Pre-Encumb& Encumbrance	Actual Expenditures	Remaining Balance	Pct Used
100 General Fund						
114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR	290.00	.00	.00	274.18	15.82	94.54
122 SELECTMEN	71,645.00	16,351.00	.00	86,203.44	1,792.56	97.96
123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	77,300.00	3,145.00	.00	79,463.47	981.53	98.78
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	3,130.00	300.00	.00	3,053.65	376.35	89.03
132 RESERVE FUND	150,000.00	-93,000.00	.00	.00	57,000.00	.00
135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	113,218.00	8,028.00	.00	120,524.95	721.05	99.41
137 ASSESSORS	141,723.00	2,792.00	.00	126,498.29	18,016.71	87.53
138 TREASURER	99,893.00	5,148.00	.00	77,004.32	28,036.68	73.31
139 TOWN COLLECTOR	149,292.00	2,974.00	.00	142,198.33	10,067.67	93.39
151 TOWN COUNSEL	36,300.00	.00	.00	36,298.97	1.03	100.00
152 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT	1,990.00	.00	.00	1,746.89	243.11	87.78
154 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM	140,500.00	.00	.00	137,956.92	2,543.08	98.19
156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	.00	110,000.00	.00	5,432.75	104,567.25	4.94
161 TOWN CLERK	62,122.00	845.00	.00	62,920.79	46.21	99.93
162 ELECTIONS	25,600.00	.00	.00	23,072.94	2,527.06	90.13
163 REGISTRATION	8,200.00	.00	.00	7,474.06	725.94	91.15
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	5,480.00	1,300.00	.00	6,743.05	36.95	99.46
172 PLANNING BOARD	27,540.00	.00	.00	24,257.75	3,282.25	88.08
173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	3,045.00	.00	.00	2,377.76	667.24	78.09
180 INDUSTRIAL DEV FINANCE AUTH	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
181 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.00
182 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMM	1,000.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.00	100.00
189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE	129,500.00	39,500.00	.00	168,327.31	672.69	99.60
190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE	80,000.00	-36.30	.00	21,353.80	58,609.90	26.70
191 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT	3,000.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	.00	100.00
192 EMPLOYEE SICK DAY BUY-BACK FD	50,000.00	.00	.00	30,649.70	19,350.30	61.30
193 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	225,000.00	.00	.00	209,268.00	15,732.00	93.01
194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	690,000.00	-11,500.00	.00	677,539.39	960.61	99.86
195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE	75,000.00	10,000.00	.00	87,962.88	-2,962.88	103.49
196 TOWN REPORTS	5,000.00	.00	.00	1,820.75	3,179.25	36.42
197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	24,000.00	4,714.00	.00	27,129.43	1,584.57	94.48
198 INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	20,000.00	15,000.00	.00	30,192.22	4,807.78	86.26
199 DAMAGES TO PERSONS/PROPERTY	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,360,234.00	57,252.00	.00	1,381,460.72	36,025.28	97.46
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	663,822.00	51,772.00	.00	674,770.58	40,823.42	94.30
251 TOWN INSPECTOR	63,154.00	1,461.76	.00	62,179.77	2,435.99	96.23
252 SEALERS OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES	1,800.00	.00	.00	1,229.02	570.98	68.28
253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS	19,915.00	476.00	.00	17,891.14	2,499.86	87.74
255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	19,700.00	.00	.00	19,472.43	227.57	98.84
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	42,417.00	835.00	.00	40,207.61	3,044.39	92.96
294 TREE WARDEN	9,507.00	.00	.00	6,460.75	3,046.25	67.96
299 AUXILIARY POLICE	3,876.00	.00	.00	3,876.00	.00	100.00
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	10,960,000.00	55,000.00	.00	11,007,664.55	7,335.45	99.93
302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL	119,899.00	.00	.00	119,899.00	.00	100.00
303 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	875,000.00	-15,000.00	.00	856,927.35	3,072.65	99.64
421 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	48,860.00	8,910.00	.00	57,432.06	337.94	99.42
422 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION/MAINT	525,020.00	68,280.00	.00	585,761.38	7,538.62	98.73
423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	100,000.00	137,898.00	.00	291,828.63	-53,930.63	122.67
424 STREET LIGHTING	105,000.00	7,500.00	.00	109,619.92	2,880.08	97.44

Town of Bellingham
YTD Expenditure Summary
Fiscal Year: 1997

Account Description	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Pre-Encumb& Encumbrance	Actual Expenditures	Remaining Balance	Pct Used
425 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	38,000.00	11,000.00	.00	48,989.78	10.22	99.98
426 GAS AND OIL	75,000.00	-10,000.00	.00	63,866.40	1,133.60	98.26
433 SOLID WASTE	680,000.00	10,000.00	.00	682,926.86	7,073.14	98.97
439 SANITARY LANDFILL	15,000.00	.00	.00	14,598.37	401.63	97.32
440 CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION (CRPCD	151,500.00	-37,500.00	.00	108,747.00	5,253.00	95.39
441 WOONSOCKET WASTE WATER (WWTP)	54,000.00	25,048.00	.00	46,266.58	32,781.42	58.53
450 WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT	649,450.00	140,320.00	.00	786,252.14	3,517.86	99.55
491 CEMETERY DEPARTMENT	8,600.00	.00	.00	3,795.70	4,804.30	44.14
496 INSECT/PEST CONTROL	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
497 DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
510 BOARD OF HEALTH	52,100.00	12,262.00	.00	60,760.22	3,601.78	94.40
541 COUNCIL ON AGING	53,189.00	2,145.00	.00	55,311.51	22.49	99.96
543 VETERANS SERVICES	33,250.00	-10,000.00	.00	7,519.00	15,731.00	32.34
549 VETERANS GRAVE AGENT	850.00	.00	.00	809.95	40.05	95.29
610 LIBRARY	207,501.00	25,385.00	.00	223,416.33	9,469.67	95.93
630 PARKS AND RECREATION	74,510.00	.00	.00	74,509.91	.09	100.00
635 T. ARCAD RECREATIONAL PARK	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,100.00	-19.95	.00	2,066.22	13.83	99.34
651 ARTS LOTTERY COMMISSION	5,000.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	100.00
660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS	10,000.00	.00	.00	6,923.26	3,076.74	69.23
710 DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	1,810,000.00	150,000.00	.00	1,960,000.00	.00	100.00
715 DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST ON BONDS	1,490,000.00	-180,000.00	.00	1,271,006.03	38,993.97	97.02
800 STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	.00	113,153.00	.00	119,881.93	-6,728.93	105.95
900 ARTICLES-FISCAL 1996	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
901 ARTICLES-FISCAL 1997	130,742.00	1,964,632.9	.00	1,271,108.81	824,266.09	60.66
903 ARTICLES- FISCAL 1997	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
920 BROUGHT FORWARD ARTICLES-1996	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
921 BROUGHT FORWARD ARTICLES-1997	.00	317,932.44	.00	164,157.39	153,775.05	51.63
950 ENCUMBRANCES	.00	200,648.86	.00	144,293.62	56,355.24	71.91
990 TRANSFER TO WORKMEN'S COMP	150,000.00	-50,000.00	.00	100,000.00	.00	100.00
992 TRANSFER TO GROUP INS TRUST	1,650,000.00	-318,498.00	.00	1,331,502.00	.00	100.00
Total 100 General Fund	24,679,967.00	2,856,454.7	.00	25,992,135.91	1,544,285.80	94.39
*** GRAND TOTAL *****	24,679,967.00	2,856,454.7	.00	25,992,135.91	1,544,285.80	94.39

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REPORT

Special Revenue Funds are revolving funds designated for a specific purpose. They include the 200 series which are School Grants, the 300 series which are Capital Projects, the 400 series which are Town Grants, the 500 series which are School Revolving, the 600 series which are Town Revolving, the 700 series which are Trust Funds, and the 800 series which are Agency Funds.

This is a report of fund Balance and as such, a negative balance indicates a positive amount remaining.

Town of Bellingham
Special Revenue Fund Report
Fiscal Year: 1997 For The Period Ending 063097

Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
202 SCHOOL LUNCH				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-42,178.76	.00	.00	
42920 SCHOOL LUNCH-RECEIPTS	.00	335,398.68	.00	
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	79,915.89	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	141,612.10	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	44,760.36	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	50,797.01	
54161 SCHOOL LUNCH SUPPLIES	.00	.00	177,301.57	
Total 202 SCHOOL LUNCH	-42,178.76	415,314.57	414,471.04	-43,022.29
203 N C SHERIFF'S DARE GRANT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-999.04	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	1,000.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	609.14	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	249.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,077.97	
Total 203 N C SHERIFF'S DARE GRANT	-999.04	1,000.00	1,936.11	-62.93
205 EARLY CHILDHOOD CH 188				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	52,000.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	52,000.00	
Total 205 EARLY CHILDHOOD CH 188	.00	52,000.00	52,000.00	.00
206 EARLY CHILDHOOD 99-457				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	23,583.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	23,165.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	418.00	
Total 206 EARLY CHILDHOOD 99-457	.00	23,583.00	23,583.00	.00
210 PROJECT ASSIST 94142				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	152,471.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	139,347.17	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	210.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	7,748.82	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	5,165.01	
Total 210 PROJECT ASSIST 94142	.00	152,471.00	152,471.00	.00
215 MATH AND SCIENCE				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	5,746.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,082.90	

Town of Bellingham
Special Revenue Fund Report
Fiscal Year: 1997 For The Period Ending 063097

Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,557.03	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	2,106.07	
Total 215 MATH AND SCIENCE	.00	5,746.00	5,746.00	.00
220 SUMMER SCHOOL REMEDIAL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-12.60	.00	.00	
Total 220 SUMMER SCHOOL REMEDIAL	-12.60	.00	.00	-12.60
225 DRUG FREE SCHOOLS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,296.33	.00	.00	
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	9,758.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	4,064.44	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	3,225.11	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	3,764.78	
Total 225 DRUG FREE SCHOOLS	-1,296.33	9,758.00	11,054.33	.00
229 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ALT HIGH				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-65,291.49	.00	.00	
42410 TUITION - SPED COLLABORATIVE	.00	192,026.18	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	166,573.34	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	4,340.46	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	40,345.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	454.42	
Total 229 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ALT HIGH	-65,291.49	192,026.18	211,713.22	-45,604.45
230 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ELEMENTARY				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-19,204.40	.00	.00	
42410 TUITION - SPED COLLABORATIVE	.00	48,458.92	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	64,446.33	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	402.92	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	630.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	30.81	
Total 230 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ELEMENTARY	-19,204.40	48,458.92	65,510.06	-2,153.26
231 EARLY CHILDHOOD-TUITION				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-42,980.87	.00	.00	
42411 TUITION-EARLY CHILDHOOD	.00	81,792.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	38,745.26	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	31,426.97	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	3,442.29	

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54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	3,904.69	
Total 231 EARLY CHILDHOOD-TUITION	-42,980.87	81,792.00	77,519.21	-47,253.66
245 PROJECT ENCOURAGEMENT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-9,632.82	.00	.00	
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	106,066.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	74,260.08	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	10,422.64	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	5,038.44	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	14,216.14	
Total 245 PROJECT ENCOURAGEMENT	-9,632.82	106,066.00	103,937.30	-11,761.52
250 TITLE IV GRANT				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	4,413.00	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	4,413.00	
Total 250 TITLE IV GRANT	.00	4,413.00	4,413.00	.00
255 SMOKING CESSATION-HEALTH GRANT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	56,942.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	47,519.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,435.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	6,988.00	
Total 255 SMOKING CESSATION-HEALTH GRANT	.00	56,942.00	56,942.00	.00
266 PALMS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	4,625.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	3,295.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	302.50	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	1,027.50	
Total 266 PALMS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	.00	4,625.00	4,625.00	.00
267 EDUC REFORM STUDY GROUP				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	7,860.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,307.39	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	4,445.46	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	1,107.15	
Total 267 EDUC REFORM STUDY GROUP	.00	7,860.00	7,860.00	.00

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268 SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY GRANT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	77,640.00	.00	
Total 268 SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY GRANT	.00	77,640.00	.00	-77,640.00
301 SEWER PROJECT-PHASE I & II				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	398,729.33	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	414,765.00	.00	
48009 INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	.00	450,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	9,016.59	
59050 TRANSFER TO AGENCY	.00	.00	22,080.00	
Total 301 SEWER PROJECT-PHASE I & II	398,729.33	864,765.00	31,096.59	-434,939.08
302 FIRE PUMPER (FISCAL 1996)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-509.78	.00	.00	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	358.49	
Total 302 FIRE PUMPER (FISCAL 1996)	-509.78	.00	358.49	-151.29
305 STALLBROOK ROOF (FY 1995)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-14,967.47	.00	.00	
58250 CAP OUTLAY-BUILDING IMPROVE	.00	.00	331.94	
Total 305 STALLBROOK ROOF (FY 1995)	-14,967.47	.00	331.94	-14,635.53
306 MACY ROOF (FY 1996)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	411,656.94	.00	.00	
49100 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BONDS	.00	436,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,800.00	
58250 CAP OUTLAY-BUILDING IMPROVE	.00	.00	21,543.06	
Total 306 MACY ROOF (FY 1996)	411,656.94	436,000.00	24,343.06	.00
315 LANDFILL CLOSURE (Y 1995)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	1,437,239.92	.00	.00	
49100 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BONDS	.00	1,795,500.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	40,122.38	
58900 CAP OUTLAY-LANDFILL CLOSURE	.00	.00	207,189.25	
Total 315 LANDFILL CLOSURE (Y 1995)	1,437,239.92	1,795,500.00	247,311.63	-110,948.45
320 WATER PROJECT (FY 1989)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,612.29	.00	.00	

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Total 320 WATER PROJECT (FY 1989)	-1,612.29	.00	.00	-1,612.29
321 CORROSION CONTROL (FY 1995-96)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,985.11	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,950.00	
Total 321 CORROSION CONTROL (FY 1995-96)	-4,985.11	.00	2,950.00	-2,035.11
322 STAND PIPE PAINTING (FY 1995)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-17,389.34	.00	.00	
Total 322 STAND PIPE PAINTING (FY 1995)	-17,389.34	.00	.00	-17,389.34
323 WELL # 12 ENG/LAND (FY 1995)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-137,474.82	.00	.00	
49100 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BONDS	.00	852,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	540,832.47	
58100 CAP OUTLAY-LAND ACQUISITION	.00	.00	71,480.00	
Total 323 WELL # 12 ENG/LAND (FY 1995)	-137,474.82	852,000.00	612,312.47	-377,162.35
324 FILTRATION PLANT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,704.03	.00	.00	
Total 324 FILTRATION PLANT	-1,704.03	.00	.00	-1,704.03
330 POLICE/FIRE STATION RENOVATION				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-688.76	.00	.00	
Total 330 POLICE/FIRE STATION RENOVATION	-688.76	.00	.00	-688.76
335 DEPOT STREET BRIDGE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,981.41	.00	.00	
Total 335 DEPOT STREET BRIDGE	-3,981.41	.00	.00	-3,981.41
340 BOX POND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-9,623.05	.00	.00	
Total 340 BOX POND	-9,623.05	.00	.00	-9,623.05

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350 4 ROOM MOD CLASSROOM(1997)400K				
49100 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BONDS	.00	400,000.00	.00	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	398,539.00	
Total 350 4 ROOM MOD CLASSROOM(1997)400K	.00	400,000.00	398,539.00	-1,461.00
351 BALL FIELD LIGHTS (1997) \$60K				
49100 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BONDS	.00	60,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	300.00	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	59,700.00	
Total 351 BALL FIELD LIGHTS (1997) \$60K	.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	.00
352 PLAYING FIELDS (1997) \$100K				
49107 PROCEEDS FROM NOTES	.00	50,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	13,243.74	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	52,269.01	
Total 352 PLAYING FIELDS (1997) \$100K	.00	50,000.00	65,512.75	15,512.75
353 LADDER TRUCK (1997) \$405K				
49100 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BONDS	.00	405,000.00	.00	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	402,572.80	
Total 353 LADDER TRUCK (1997) \$405K	.00	405,000.00	402,572.80	-2,427.20
354 SCHOOL COMPUTER LEASE				
49107 PROCEEDS FROM NOTES	.00	227,000.00	.00	
58520 LEASE PAYOFF	.00	.00	226,951.63	
Total 354 SCHOOL COMPUTER LEASE	.00	227,000.00	226,951.63	-48.37
355 TOWN COMPUTER LEASE				
49107 PROCEEDS FROM NOTES	.00	500,000.00	.00	
58520 LEASE PAYOFF	.00	.00	472,663.91	
Total 355 TOWN COMPUTER LEASE	.00	500,000.00	472,663.91	-27,336.09
401 COUNCIL ON AGING				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-46.04	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	5,964.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,160.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,535.63	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	2,253.84	

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Total 401 COUNCIL ON AGING	-46.04	5,964.00	5,949.47	-60.57
402 LIBRARY-M.E.G./L.I.G.				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-7,083.93	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	14,105.58	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	10,955.73	
Total 402 LIBRARY-M.E.G./L.I.G.	-7,083.93	14,105.58	10,955.73	-10,233.78
403 ELECTIONS-EXTENDED POLLING HRS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,875.00	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	3,478.20	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	3,461.00	
Total 403 ELECTIONS-EXTENDED POLLING HRS	-1,875.00	3,478.20	3,461.00	-1,892.20
405 TOBACCO CONTROL GRANT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-8,185.35	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	39,892.60	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	30,632.22	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,600.00	
52010 ADVERTISING	.00	.00	1,179.80	
52020 POSTAGE	.00	.00	376.82	
52030 TELEPHONE	.00	.00	585.41	
52040 PRINTING,BINDING AND COPYING	.00	.00	508.96	
52240 EQUIP MAINT COSTS/CONTRACTS	.00	.00	186.56	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	3,147.01	
52505 SEMINARS/TRAINING	.00	.00	283.16	
52520 IN-STATE TRAVEL	.00	.00	773.02	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	3,762.44	
Total 405 TOBACCO CONTROL GRANT	-8,185.35	39,892.60	44,035.40	-4,042.55
406 LAW ENFORCEMENT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,419.34	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	3,253.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	3,163.88	
Total 406 LAW ENFORCEMENT	-1,419.34	3,253.00	3,163.88	-1,508.46
407 D.A.R.E. GRANT				
43302 OTHER STATE REVENUE - 1997	.00	9,700.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	9,505.73	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	194.27	

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Total 407 D.A.R.E. GRANT	.00	9,700.00	9,700.00	.00
408 CULTURAL COUNCIL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-13,166.15	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	5,271.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	9,470.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	954.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,160.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	6,737.62	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,800.46	
Total 408 CULTURAL COUNCIL	-13,166.15	15,695.00	10,698.08	-18,163.07
409 SMALL CITIES				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,561.22	.00	.00	
Total 409 SMALL CITIES	-4,561.22	.00	.00	-4,561.22
412 PEARL ST BRIDGE STUDY				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-278.43	.00	.00	
Total 412 PEARL ST BRIDGE STUDY	-278.43	.00	.00	-278.43
413 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-52,721.42	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	365,025.37	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	4,569.28	
58600 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	15,230.29	
58603 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	289,750.01	
58604 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	42,263.77	
58605 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	114,071.44	
Total 413 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND	-52,721.42	365,025.37	465,884.79	48,138.00
415 COPS FAST 1996 FEDERAL GRANT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-24,998.00	.00	.00	
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	25,000.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	24,998.00	
59040 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	.00	.00	25,000.00	
Total 415 COPS FAST 1996 FEDERAL GRANT	-24,998.00	25,000.00	49,998.00	.00

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417 COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-7.03	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	9,500.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	6,601.55	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	2,905.48	
Total 417 COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT	-7.03	9,500.00	9,507.03	.00
418 S.A.F.E. FY 96 GRT (FIRE)				
43302 OTHER STATE REVENUE - 1997	.00	3,000.00	.00	
51500 OVERTIME WAGES	.00	.00	929.05	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	2,070.95	
Total 418 S.A.F.E. FY 96 GRT (FIRE)	.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	.00
419 BYRNE MEMORIAL GRANT (POLICE)				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	5,987.34	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	5,987.34	
Total 419 BYRNE MEMORIAL GRANT (POLICE)	.00	5,987.34	5,987.34	.00
420 POLICE '97 BLOCK GRANT				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	639.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	639.00	
Total 420 POLICE '97 BLOCK GRANT	.00	639.00	639.00	.00
421 COMMUNITY SEPTIC MGMT PROGRAM				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	18,000.00	.00	
Total 421 COMMUNITY SEPTIC MGMT PROGRAM	.00	18,000.00	.00	-18,000.00
422 COA SVC INCENTIVE GR'97				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	2,500.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	2,472.66	
Total 422 COA SVC INCENTIVE GR'97	.00	2,500.00	2,472.66	-27.34
501 CABLE CLUB GIFT				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	1,500.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,500.00	

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Total 501 CABLE CLUB GIFT	.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00
502 ALTERNATIVE PRINTING S 53 E1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-13,533.20	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	60,493.22	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	540.96	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	51,574.79	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	9,362.70	
Total 502 ALTERNATIVE PRINTING S 53 E1/2	-13,533.20	60,493.22	61,478.45	-12,547.97
503 ALTERNATIVE EDUC GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-104.95	.00	.00	
Total 503 ALTERNATIVE EDUC GIFT	-104.95	.00	.00	-104.95
504 SCHOOL ENERGY/USER FEE S53E1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-478.27	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	8,143.12	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	6,976.81	
Total 504 SCHOOL ENERGY/USER FEE S53E1/2	-478.27	8,143.12	6,976.81	-1,644.58
505 SCHOOL RENTAL-M J REED S53E1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-743.40	.00	.00	
42500 RENTAL RECEIPTS	.00	7,515.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	4,725.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	837.75	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	109.60	
Total 505 SCHOOL RENTAL-M J REED S53E1/2	-743.40	7,515.00	5,672.35	-2,586.05
506 SUMMER SCHOOL TUITION				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-15,211.00	.00	.00	
42405 TUITION-FULL TIME	.00	26,313.10	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	22,373.50	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	250.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	1,849.21	
Total 506 SUMMER SCHOOL TUITION	-15,211.00	26,313.10	24,472.71	-17,051.39
507 TUITION/FOSTER STUDENTS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-721.57	.00	.00	

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Total 507 TUITION/FOSTER STUDENTS	-721.57	.00	.00	-721.57
508 ADULT EDUCATION REVOLVING				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-527.04	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	100.00	
Total 508 ADULT EDUCATION REVOLVING	-527.04	.00	100.00	-427.04
509 D.E.C.A.				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-9.63	.00	.00	
Total 509 D.E.C.A.	-9.63	.00	.00	-9.63
510 ATHLETIC REVOLVING				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,172.60	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	30,286.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	1,464.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	26,076.48	
Total 510 ATHLETIC REVOLVING	-3,172.60	30,286.00	27,540.48	-5,918.12
511 TEACHER INCENTIVE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-29,890.42	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	2,603.64	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	11,250.00	
Total 511 TEACHER INCENTIVE	-29,890.42	2,603.64	11,250.00	-21,244.06
512 SCHOOL RENTAL MAINTENANCE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,134.98	.00	.00	
Total 512 SCHOOL RENTAL MAINTENANCE	-1,134.98	.00	.00	-1,134.98
513 LOST BOOK FEES				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-354.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	40.00	.00	
Total 513 LOST BOOK FEES	-354.00	40.00	.00	-394.00
601 RESTITUTION RECOVERY				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-99.90	.00	.00	

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Total 601 RESTITUTION RECOVERY	-99.90	.00	.00	-99.90
602 INSURANCE RECOVERY <\$20,000.00				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-6,165.83	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	7,262.97	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	1,190.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	310.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	4,747.25	
Total 602 INSURANCE RECOVERY <\$20,000.00	-6,165.83	7,262.97	6,247.25	-7,181.55
603 SALE OF LAND OF LOW VALUE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,571.83	.00	.00	
Total 603 SALE OF LAND OF LOW VALUE	-4,571.83	.00	.00	-4,571.83
604 SALE OF REAL ESTATE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-100.00	.00	.00	
Total 604 SALE OF REAL ESTATE	-100.00	.00	.00	-100.00
605 SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,940.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	400.00	.00	
Total 605 SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	-4,940.00	400.00	.00	-5,340.00
606 LIBRARY ENERGY FEES				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-342.22	.00	.00	
Total 606 LIBRARY ENERGY FEES	-342.22	.00	.00	-342.22
607 ARCAND SWIM PROG-CH 53 E 1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,289.22	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	5,989.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,700.00	
Total 607 ARCAND SWIM PROG-CH 53 E 1/2	-3,289.22	5,989.00	2,700.00	-6,578.22
608 WETLANDS PROTECTION				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-13,748.25	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	6,034.50	.00	

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Total 608 WETLANDS PROTECTION	-13,748.25	6,034.50	.00	-19,782.75
609 FIRE PREVENTION GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-309.72	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	5.00	.00	
Total 609 FIRE PREVENTION GIFT ACCOUNT	-309.72	5.00	.00	-314.72
610 FIRE-RESCUE GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-550.00	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	25.00	.00	
Total 610 FIRE-RESCUE GIFT ACCOUNT	-550.00	25.00	.00	-575.00
611 TOWN RENTAL PROPERTY				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,042.94	.00	.00	
Total 611 TOWN RENTAL PROPERTY	-3,042.94	.00	.00	-3,042.94
612 SILVER LAKE ADM FEE-CH 53 E1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,407.51	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	7,943.45	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	6,383.05	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,846.38	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	627.67	
Total 612 SILVER LAKE ADM FEE-CH 53 E1/2	-3,407.51	7,943.45	8,857.10	-2,493.86
613 COMPOST BINS-CHAP 53 E 1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-818.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	132.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	1,044.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,488.00	
Total 613 COMPOST BINS-CHAP 53 E 1/2	-818.00	1,176.00	1,488.00	-506.00
614 NECC GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,294.61	.00	.00	
Total 614 NECC GIFT ACCOUNT	-3,294.61	.00	.00	-3,294.61

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615 CELTIC CORP GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-50.00	.00	.00	
Total 615 CELTIC CORP GIFT ACCOUNT	-50.00	.00	.00	-50.00
616 TOWN ENGINEER GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-46.62	.00	.00	
Total 616 TOWN ENGINEER GIFT ACCOUNT	-46.62	.00	.00	-46.62
617 RECREATION GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-20.00	.00	.00	
Total 617 RECREATION GIFT ACCOUNT	-20.00	.00	.00	-20.00
618 COA VAN GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-2,368.85	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	500.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	139.91	
Total 618 COA VAN GIFT ACCOUNT	-2,368.85	500.00	139.91	-2,728.94
620 POLICE-DARE GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-10,144.61	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	6,547.32	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	10,582.80	
Total 620 POLICE-DARE GIFT ACCOUNT	-10,144.61	6,547.32	10,582.80	-6,109.13
621 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,154.26	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,154.26	
Total 621 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT GIFT	-1,154.26	.00	1,154.26	.00
622 100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-294.60	.00	.00	
Total 622 100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK GIFT	-294.60	.00	.00	-294.60
623 PARKS/MACY RECREATION GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-497.52	.00	.00	

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54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	91.97	
Total 623 PARKS/MACY RECREATION GIFT	-497.52	.00	91.97	-405.55
625 POLICE K-9 GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-2,014.77	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	2,851.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	4,049.40	
Total 625 POLICE K-9 GIFT	-2,014.77	2,851.00	4,049.40	-816.37
626 SILVER LAKE PURCHASE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-32,000.00	.00	.00	
Total 626 SILVER LAKE PURCHASE	-32,000.00	.00	.00	-32,000.00
627 SEWER GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,676.59	.00	.00	
Total 627 SEWER GIFT ACCOUNT	-4,676.59	.00	.00	-4,676.59
628 UPPER TOWN HALL GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-535.89	.00	.00	
Total 628 UPPER TOWN HALL GIFT	-535.89	.00	.00	-535.89
629 HAZARDOUS WASTE GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-300.00	.00	.00	
Total 629 HAZARDOUS WASTE GIFT	-300.00	.00	.00	-300.00
630 ROY FAMILY GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,232.43	.00	.00	
Total 630 ROY FAMILY GIFT ACCOUNT	-5,232.43	.00	.00	-5,232.43
631 HISTORICAL COMMISSION GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-776.62	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	359.70	
Total 631 HISTORICAL COMMISSION GIFT	-776.62	.00	359.70	-416.92

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632 LIBRARY-FINE REVOLVING CH53E				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-209.24	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	6,083.15	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	5,712.01	
Total 632 LIBRARY-FINE REVOLVING CH53E	-209.24	6,083.15	5,712.01	-580.38
633 PARKS-SUMMER PROG CH 53E1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-19.99	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	2,437.16	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	1,665.00	
Total 633 PARKS-SUMMER PROG CH 53E1/2	-19.99	2,437.16	1,665.00	-792.15
634 COA-SOCIAL DAYCARE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,872.33	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	41,312.50	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	23,136.19	
52020 POSTAGE	.00	.00	32.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	9,529.74	
52500 DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	.00	.00	97.63	
54090 OFFICE SUPPLIES	.00	.00	3,258.17	
Total 634 COA-SOCIAL DAYCARE	-4,872.33	41,312.50	36,053.73	-10,131.10
635 COA HALL RENTAL FEES				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,082.01	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	490.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	916.46	
Total 635 COA HALL RENTAL FEES	-1,082.01	490.00	916.46	-655.55
636 NORMA ROGERS MEMORIAL GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-65.00	.00	.00	
Total 636 NORMA ROGERS MEMORIAL GIFT	-65.00	.00	.00	-65.00
637 LIBRARY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-129.54	.00	.00	
Total 637 LIBRARY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	-129.54	.00	.00	-129.54
638 CEMETERY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-163.35	.00	.00	

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45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	9.96	.00	
Total 638 CEMETERY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	-163.35	9.96	.00	-173.31
639 AMBULANCE-RECEIPTS RESERVED				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-127,578.03	.00	.00	
42250 AMBULANCE RECEIPTS	.00	73,799.45	.00	
Total 639 AMBULANCE-RECEIPTS RESERVED	-127,578.03	73,799.45	.00	-201,377.48
641 POLICE EXCHANGE GIFT FUND				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	1,570.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,570.00	
Total 641 POLICE EXCHANGE GIFT FUND	.00	1,570.00	1,570.00	.00
642 H S FOOTBALL FLD LIGHTS GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-600.00	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	12,540.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	.00	
Total 642 H S FOOTBALL FLD LIGHTS GIFT	-600.00	12,540.00	.00	-13,140.00
643 SO SCH COMMUN GIV GARDEN GIFTS				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	450.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	57.07	
Total 643 SO SCH COMMUN GIV GARDEN GIFTS	.00	450.00	57.07	-392.93
644 BIKE PATROL GIFTS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-300.00	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	458.66	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	293.88	
Total 644 BIKE PATROL GIFTS	-300.00	458.66	293.88	-464.78
645 TOWN COMMON GIFTS				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	49,767.22	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	3,844.30	
Total 645 TOWN COMMON GIFTS	.00	49,767.22	3,844.30	-45,922.92

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646 TOWN COMMON BUY A BRICK				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	23,620.00	.00	
Total 646 TOWN COMMON BUY A BRICK	.00	23,620.00	.00	-23,620.00
647 SCHOOL SERVICEMASTER GIFTS				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	1,748.70	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,748.70	
Total 647 SCHOOL SERVICEMASTER GIFTS	.00	1,748.70	1,748.70	.00
648 PLANNING BOARD REVOLVING				
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	7,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,324.75	
Total 648 PLANNING BOARD REVOLVING	.00	7,000.00	2,324.75	-4,675.25
649 GARELICK-BACK TO SCHOOLS II				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	1,283.31	.00	
Total 649 GARELICK-BACK TO SCHOOLS II	.00	1,283.31	.00	-1,283.31
650 MACY PTO GIFT FUND				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	1,000.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,000.00	
Total 650 MACY PTO GIFT FUND	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00
701 GROUP INSURANCE TRUST				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,241,385.52	.00	.00	
42275 EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTION TO INS	.00	238,294.99	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	54,375.73	.00	
48005 GROUP INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	.00	176,373.78	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	1,237,500.00	.00	
57040 MEDICAL CLAIMS/INSURANCE SERV	.00	.00	1,587,777.30	
Total 701 GROUP INSURANCE TRUST	-1,241,385.52	1,706,544.50	1,587,777.30	-1,360,152.72
702 STABILIZATION TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,048,230.29	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	63,520.12	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	592,212.41	.00	

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Total 702 STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	-1,048,230.29	655,732.53	.00	-1,703,962.82
703 UNEMPLOYMENT INS TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-76,198.12	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	4,041.26	.00	
57040 MEDICAL CLAIMS/INSURANCE SERV	.00	.00	2,221.00	
Total 703 UNEMPLOYMENT INS TRUST FUND	-76,198.12	4,041.26	2,221.00	-78,018.38
704 WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-153,517.46	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	5,645.44	.00	
48006 WORKERS COMP INSUR TR REIMB	.00	130.00	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	100,000.00	.00	
51900 WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION-SALARY	.00	.00	69,087.60	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	43,135.66	
Total 704 WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	-153,517.46	105,775.44	112,223.26	-147,069.64
705 MUNICIPAL BLDGS INS TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-32,981.02	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	1,787.54	.00	
Total 705 MUNICIPAL BLDGS INS TRUST FUND	-32,981.02	1,787.54	.00	-34,768.56
752 CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,771.06	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	241.99	.00	
51180 ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	.00	.00	242.56	
Total 752 CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST	-5,771.06	241.99	242.56	-5,770.49
753 WHITNEY LIBRARY TRUST				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-160.93	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	7.18	.00	
Total 753 WHITNEY LIBRARY TRUST	-160.93	7.18	.00	-168.11
754 MABLE DRAKE LIBRARY TRUST				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-299.31	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	13.36	.00	

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Total 754 MABLE DRAKE LIBRARY TRUST	-299.31	13.36	.00	-312.67
755 CONSERVATION TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-61,453.13	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	3,013.38	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	10,000.00	.00	
Total 755 CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	-61,453.13	13,013.38	.00	-74,466.51
756 RETIREMENT RESERVE TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,957.00	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	268.67	.00	
Total 756 RETIREMENT RESERVE TRUST FUND	-4,957.00	268.67	.00	-5,225.67
757 E WHITNEY CEMETERY TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-287.01	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	13.24	.00	
Total 757 E WHITNEY CEMETERY TRUST FUND	-287.01	13.24	.00	-300.25
758 ETTA METCALF CEMETERY TRUST FD				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-578.71	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	26.72	.00	
Total 758 ETTA METCALF CEMETERY TRUST FD	-578.71	26.72	.00	-605.43
801 POLICE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	49,563.25	.00	.00	
42150 POLICE-OUTSIDE DETAIL FEE	.00	213,451.65	.00	
49702 TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL PROJ FD	.00	22,080.00	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	197,743.13	
Total 801 POLICE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL	49,563.25	235,531.65	197,743.13	11,774.73
802 CUSTODIAL, EXTRA WORK DETAIL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-474.77	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	5,819.66	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	5,113.63	
Total 802 CUSTODIAL, EXTRA WORK DETAIL	-474.77	5,819.66	5,113.63	-1,180.80

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803 FIRE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,073.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	1,060.71	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	1,060.71	
Total 803 FIRE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL	-1,073.00	1,060.71	1,060.71	-1,073.00
804 STATE LICENSES				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	1,099.90	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	4,941.55	.00	
55001 AGENCY FEES REMITTED	.00	.00	4,839.75	
Total 804 STATE LICENSES	1,099.90	4,941.55	4,839.75	998.10
806 LIBRARY, CUSTODIAL DETAIL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-134.54	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	145.00	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	143.06	
Total 806 LIBRARY, CUSTODIAL DETAIL	-134.54	145.00	143.06	-136.48
807 COA, HALL RENTAL FEES				
42001 FEES	.00	.00	.00	
Total 807 COA, HALL RENTAL FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00
808 BEECHWOOD ROAD				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-27,212.68	.00	.00	
48305 CHARLES RIVER CROSSING	.00	6,200.00	.00	
58305 CHARLES RIVER CROSS EXPENSES	.00	.00	6,199.95	
58600 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	26,455.64	
Total 808 BEECHWOOD ROAD	-27,212.68	6,200.00	32,655.59	-757.09
809 BHS STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND				
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	825.91	.00	
48000 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	132,892.61	.00	
52900 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	.00	.00	91,632.28	
Total 809 BHS STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	.00	133,718.52	91,632.28	-42,086.24

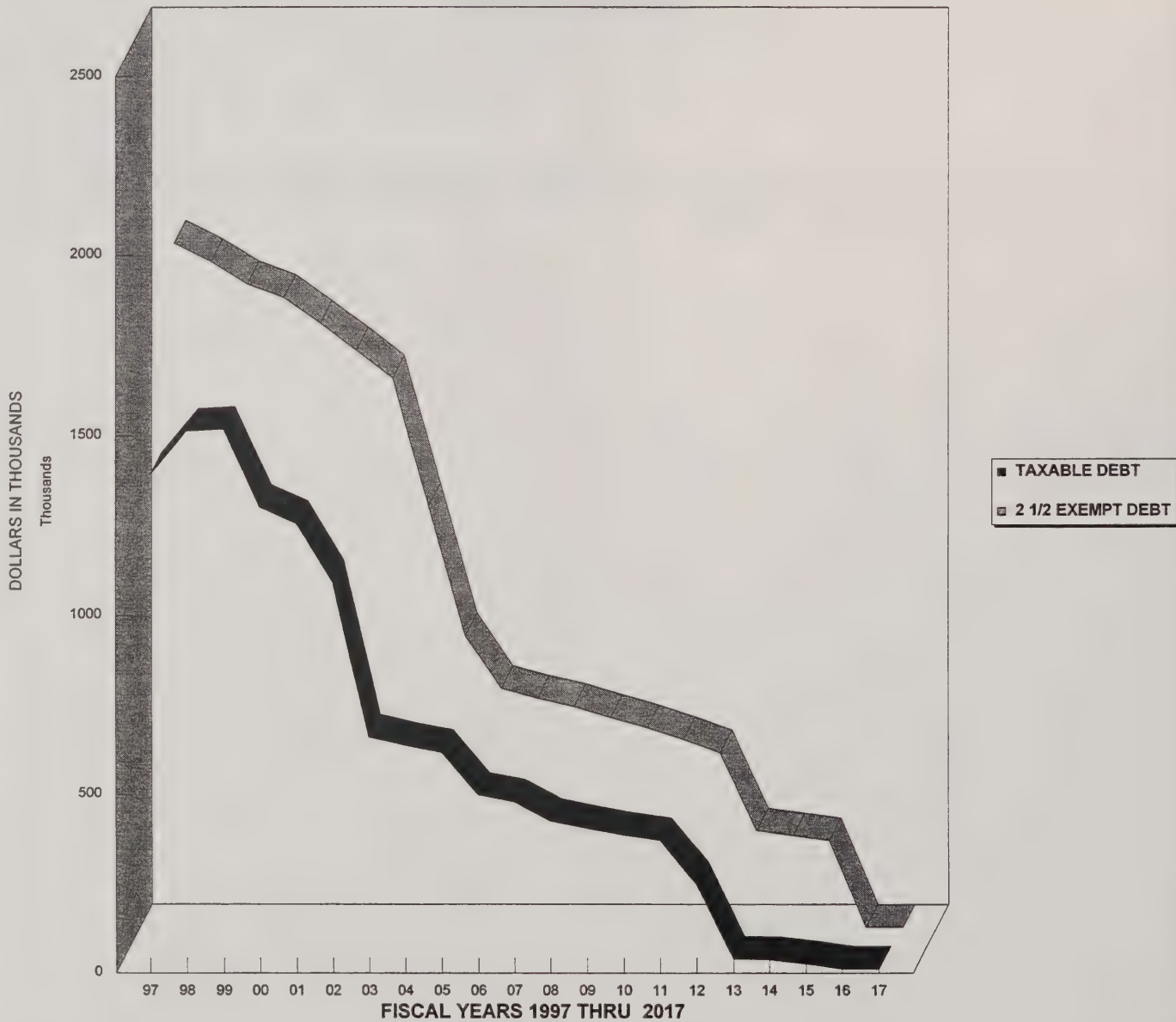
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*** GRAND TOTAL *****	-1,150,992.83	10,625,782.09	6,629,677.28	-5,147,097.64

LONG TERM DEBT

The following chart and reports show the total taxable and 2 ½ exempt debt service by year, for the town.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
PROJECTED DEBT THRU FY 2017



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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM -- SUMMARY OF PROJECTED DEBT THROUGH FISCAL 2017
FISCAL 1998

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD = \$1,235,627.36 SHORT = \$285,637.19 TOTAL = \$1,521,264.55

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$1,853,952.64 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$1,853,952.64

TOTAL DEBT \$3,375,217.19

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FISCAL 1999

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD= \$1,191,787.08 SHORT = \$390,275.00 TOTAL = \$1,582,062.08

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$1,791,572.93 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$1,791,572.93

TOTAL DEBT \$3,373,635.01

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FISCAL 2000

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD = \$1,102,491.29 SHORT = \$210,000.00 TOTAL = \$1,312,491.29

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$1,754,602.32 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$1,754,602.32

TOTAL DEBT \$3,067,093.61

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FISCAL 2001

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD = \$1,057,257.73 SHORT = \$210,500.00 TOTAL = \$1,267,757.73

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$1,682,508.37 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$1,682,508.37

TOTAL DEBT \$2,950,266.10

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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM -- SUMMARY OF PROJECTED DEBT THROUGH FISCAL 2017
FISCAL 2002

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD = \$1,019,286.87 SHORT = \$183,500.00 TOTAL = \$1,202,786.87

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$1,609,234.23 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$1,609,234.23

TOTAL DEBT

\$2,812,021.10

FISCAL 2003

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD= \$671,755.93 SHORT= \$184,500.00 TOTAL= \$856,255.93

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$1,531,550.16 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL= \$1,531,550.16

LAST YEAR OF SBAB MONEY!!

TOTAL DEBT

\$2,387,806.09

FISCAL 2004

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD= \$648,028.32 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$648,028.32

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$1,176,385.26 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$1,176,385.26

TOTAL DEBT

\$1,824,413.58

FISCAL 2005

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD = \$628,920.95 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$628,920.95

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$815,220.14 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$815,220.14

TOTAL DEBT

\$1,444,141.09

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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM -- SUMMARY OF PROJECTED DEBT THROUGH FISCAL 2017
FISCAL 2006

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD = \$509,494.68 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$509,494.68

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$667,943.93 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$667,943.93

TOTAL DEBT **\$1,177,438.61**

FISCAL 2007

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD = \$489,443.16 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$489,443.16

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$640,742.93 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$640,742.93

TOTAL DEBT **\$1,130,186.09**

FISCAL 2008

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD = \$434,935.54 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$434,935.54

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$617,970.56 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$617,970.56

TOTAL DEBT **\$1,052,906.10**

FISCAL 2009

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD = \$414,521.92 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$414,521.92

2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD = \$586,569.18 SHORT = \$0.00 TOTAL = \$586,569.18

TOTAL DEBT **\$1,001,091.10**

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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM – SUMMARY OF PROJECTED DEBT THROUGH FISCAL 2017
FISCAL 2010

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD =	\$395,633.11	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$395,633.11
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2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD =	\$558,560.50	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$558,560.50
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<u>TOTAL DEBT</u>				\$954,193.61
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FISCAL 2011

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD =	\$381,316.10	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$381,316.10
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2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD =	\$525,580.01	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$525,580.01
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<u>TOTAL DEBT</u>				\$906,896.11
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FISCAL 2012

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD =	\$257,811.12	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$257,811.12
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2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD =	\$489,450.00	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$489,450.00
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<u>TOTAL DEBT</u>				\$747,261.12
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FISCAL 2013

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD =	\$50,611.14	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$50,611.14
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2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD =	\$270,250.00	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$270,250.00
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<u>TOTAL DEBT</u>				\$320,861.14
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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM -- SUMMARY OF PROJECTED DEBT THROUGH FISCAL 2017
FISCAL 2014

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD =	\$48,586.14	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$48,586.14
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2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD =	\$256,150.00	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$256,150.00
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<u>TOTAL DEBT</u>				\$304,736.14
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FISCAL 2015

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD =	\$36,842.39	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$36,842.39
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2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD =	\$242,050.00	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$242,050.00
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<u>TOTAL DEBT</u>				\$278,892.39
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FISCAL 2016

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD =	\$11,111.14	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$11,111.14
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2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD =	\$0.00	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$0.00
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<u>TOTAL DEBT</u>				\$11,111.14
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FISCAL 2017

TAXABLE DEBT

LTD =	\$11,112.10	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$11,112.10
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2 1/2 EXEMPT DEBT

LTD =	\$0.00	SHORT =	\$0.00	TOTAL =	\$0.00
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<u>TOTAL DEBT</u>				\$11,112.10
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BELLINGHAM COUNCIL FOR THE AGING

TWO MAPLE STREET

BELLINGHAM, MA 02019

Phone (508) 966-0398 Fax (508) 966-5843

COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL TOWN REPORT - 1997

It is again a pleasure as Senior Center Director for the Town of Bellingham, to submit my annual report.

The Council on Aging Board is comprised of eleven members, who are: George Munger, Chairman, Raymond Boutiette, Vice Chairman, Mary Peluso, Treasurer, and Eleanor Lawless, Secretary. Members at large are; Catherine Detore, John Fisher, Norman Gibeault, Mildred Gorman, Jennie Monteiro, William Monteiro and Laurette Plouffe.

My thanks to all above members for their cooperation and support during the course of the year and also for their interest in their peers.

The Senior Center is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 to 4:00 P.M., with ongoing activities on a daily basis. Trips are available to seniors on the average of one a month which are always very popular.

We have two part-time van drivers who together put in a 40 hr. week and are always very busy transporting clients to doctor's appointments, clinics, rehabilitation centers, marketing, banking, hairdressing, as well as the senior center. Thank you Richard Carlin and John Drew for your hard work and dedication.

Our monthly newsletter, "The Spirit of Bellingham" is still mailed on a monthly basis to approximately 1200 senior households. The senior citizens are always anxious to receive their newsletter which has much interesting information in it.

This year the Council on Aging received their formula grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in the amount of \$6,305.00. These monies are used to pay a maintenance person to clean the center; a foreign language outreach teacher, conferences; partial payment of monthly newsletter; gas mileage for senior aide, and payment towards a volunteer recognition dinner, and monies to purchase a new public address system.

Many services are available to the senior citizens in Town. Vital signs (blood pressure clinics) sponsored by the Milford VNA are held monthly, either at the center, Depot Court or Wrentham Manor. Influenza clinics are also held in the months of October and November at the above places. Speakers on health issues, and other interesting subjects take place on a monthly basis. Fuel assistance applications are taken here at the senior center from November 1st. to the end of March of the following year. Also available is income tax assistance thru AARP, (a free service) usually in the month of February. Information and referrals are taken daily.

Our Elderly Social Day Care Program is operating at its capacity with twelve clients at the moment. The Day Care Program provides socialization and supervised activities for the clients. It is a non-profit program which can be privately paid by the client or subsidized by Tri-Valley Elder Services, if the person is income eligible.

Recently, the president of our Elder Service Group, Mr. John LaValley retired after serving on this board for nine years. This organization does fundraising which in turn helps out our needy people in Town, as well as the senior center. Mr. LaValley also served as a COA board member and chairman for many years. Our very best goes out to John as he certainly deserves it.

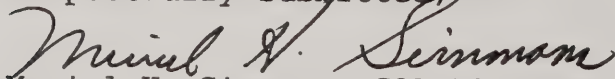
I would like at this time to say "thank you" to all those who volunteered in any capacity during the past year. Volunteers are vital in every senior center.

My personal thanks also go out to my office staff, Marguerite Boucher and Jane Alen. The employees in Social Day Care; Barbara Bacon, Irene Zajac, Lynette Chartier and Laurette Plouffe. Van Drivers, Richard Carlin and John Drew and Friendly visitor, Nancy Delfino. Thank you all for jobs well done.

I would be remissed if I did not mention the Board of Selectmen, our Town Administrator, Denis Fraine and the Finance Committee for their support during the year.

The Council on Aging Board, its Director and staff will continue to do their utmost to serve the senior citizens in Town.

Respectfully submitted,


Muriel H. Simmons, COA Director

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: James D Caddick, Chairperson
RE: Annual Report of the Finance Committee

It was another good financial year for the Town of Bellingham.

With aggressive work in the Finance Offices, Bellingham again had Free Cash available in order to fund important capital needs.

As we begin the process for the Fiscal 1999 budget, we look forward to continued good communications amongst all town departments to facilitate the budget process.

The Finance Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have spent many long hours preparing for the 1997 Annual Town Meetings and the development of the Fiscal 1999 budget.

Respectfully submitted,
james d caddick, chairperson
Cheryl A. Gray, Vice-Chairperson
Sharon M. Bryant, Secretary
Diane M. Consoletti
Carla J. Doyle
Henri J. Masson
Gary E. Maynard
Marianne E. Rose
Beth Cornell - Smith
Brenda L. Bussey, Clerk

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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

Fire Department

RICHARD F. RANIERI, *Chief*
28 Blackstone Street
Telephone 966-1112



Headquarters
28 Blackstone Street
Bellingham, MA 02019

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERMANENT PERSONNEL

Fire Chief Richard Ranieri *
Deputy Thomas Guerin *md
Lieutenant Andre Genereux *md

PRIVATES

Ernest Hadley *, Richard Marcoux *md, Joseph Deslauriers *md, Michael Delorme *md, Joseph Robidoux *md, Michael Marcet *md, Christopher Mach *d, Steven Gentile *md, Joseph Altomonte *md, Gary Fafard *md, Eric Provost *md, Chris Milot *md, William Bennett *m, Joseph Manning *md, Neil Coakley *md

CALL PERSONNEL

Lt. Paul Bokoski *d

Lt. William Borkowski

Lt. Walter Power, Jr.

Edward Armstrong
Blair Belcher
William Slaney *md
Kevin Yeaton *m

Jane Malo *md
Eugene Desroches
Kevin Haley *m
Marl Lamoreaux

James Prophet *m
Robert Harpin
Mary Slaney *md

* denotes Nationally and/or Mass. Registered E.M.T.
m denotes MAST certified
d denotes defibrillator certified

Fire Department Activity

The department responded to 24 building fires; 15 household appliance fires; 43 box alarms; 75 vehicle assistance calls; 227 investigations; 60 outside fires; 80 details; gave mutual aid to Franklin-6; Milford-2; Medway-1; Hopedale-1; Woonsocket-1; Blackstone-1; and Wrentham-1. Fire mutual aid was received from Franklin-5; Milford-2; and Blackstone-1. Rescue calls were 1,224.

Total calls for 1997 were 2,308 compared to 2,400 for 1996; 2,136 for 1995; 1,850 for 1994; 1,917 in 1993; and 1,758 in 1992. The department issued 539 permits after inspection. The total is inclusive of these.

Building fires were broken down as follows: 18 house; 4 chimney fires; 1-church and 1 storage building. The causes of the above fires were as follows: Heating devices-8; (this includes fires caused by woodstoves, fireplaces, chimneys, etc.); electrical-6; unattended cooking-2; careless disposal of smoking materials-2; careless use of candles-2; careless disposal of woodstove ashes-1; dryer-1; arson-1 and undetermined-1.

Box Alarms were broken down as follows: accidental/malfunction-36; malicious false-7.

Appliance fires were broken down as follows: stove/oven-7; heating systems-2; gas grille-2; light fixture-2; a/c unit-1; and dryer-1.

Vehicle assistance calls were broken down as follows: fuel spills-29; car fires-18; Life Flight assistance-11; extrication-7; truck fires-5; MVA assist-2; rescue boat assist-2; and Motorcycle-1.

Rescue calls were broken down as follows: 609 home emergencies; 303 motor vehicle accidents; 101 miscellaneous and 211 mutual aid. (TO: Franklin-39; Medway-4; Hopedale-2; Milford-2; Wrentham-2; Blackstone-1; and Mendon-1. FROM: Franklin-92; Blackstone-36; Woonsocket-22; Medway-8; Millis-1; and Wrentham-1).

Inspections and Permits

Lt. Genereux supervised inspection duties. Inspections were made of businesses and where needed corrections were recommended. The workload for plan reviews, inspections and permits continues to be very time consuming. Numerous plans were reviewed by the Chief, Lt. Genereux and Deputy Guerin. There were permits issued as follows: fuel oil storage-85; smoke detectors in homes prior to resale(Ch. 148 sec 26F)-265; smoke detectors in new construction-75; storage of propane gas-48; blasting-5; install and/or modify fire suppression systems-9; install fire alarm systems-7; remove tanks-31; store flammable and/or combustible liquids-2; welding-5; FP 290-1; tank truck-5; service station upgrade-1;

In addition to the above permits 1,209 open burning permits were issued. It is a proven fact that the inspection of businesses throughout the year by fire personnel has helped keep the incidents of fire in those establishments to a minimum. All local businesses are to be commended for their cooperation in trying to make their places of business violation free for the safety of their employees and patrons.

Fire Prevention, Public Safety and Education

All schools were inspected and the required four fire drills were held. Public Education Co-ordinator Michael Marcet has implemented the NFPA "Learn Not To Burn" fire safety curriculum in all Town elementary schools. The cooperation of the teaching staff and the School Administration has been superb allowing this program to be successful. The cost of purchasing the NFPA curriculum came from a Student Awareness of Fire Education(S.A.F.E.) grant received which was applied for by Chief Ranieri.

The department participated in the Bellingham Pride Days by passing out fire prevention information, notepads, water bottles and other general information. Firefighters Marcet and Michael Delorme participated in the program.

The Chief wishes to caution all residents with woodstoves and other solid fuel heating devices that the maintenance and periodic cleaning of these and other heating devices is critical. Residents are also cautioned against placing hot ashes into combustible containers as well as placing combustibles too close to hot surfaces.

The Chief wishes to remind residents that fire personnel are available to speak at meetings of various social and professional groups. To obtain a speaker call the fire station at 966-1112 several weeks in advance of the desired date to make arrangements with the Chief.

Vehicles, Personnel and Training

Personnel received training in CPR recertification and defibrillator recertification. A class entitled "Aerial Ladders" was held and instructed by the Mass. Firefighting Academy. Personnel were taught the safe use of aerial ladders as well as practiced with evolutions on placement, climbing, etc. In addition to that class several departmental sessions were held during the year under the direction of Lt. Genereux. A "Pump and Hydraulics" class was held in the spring for all personnel. This class was taught by Mass. Fire academy instructors.

A Personnel Accountability System was drafted by Deputy Guerin and the firefighters. After a training session the policy was implemented. It is felt that this policy and procedure will go along way in providing better accountability on the fireground.

Training was held on the Sexual Harrassment Policy of the Town as well as on the rules of operation for fire apparatus. In addition Lt. Genereux conducted in service training during the year.

Firefighter Thomas Guerin was appointed to the position of Deputy in January. He has adapted very well and has been a big asset in the department. As he nears the first anniversary of being in the position I wish to thank and commend him for a job well done.

Several fulltime firefighters were added this year. Call firefighters William Bennett and Joseph Manning started fulltime in July. Neil Coakley started in September. I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Denis Fraine and the Finance Committee for their support and funding to allow the department the opportunity to begin addressing the manning levels.

Buildings

Improvements were made at the South Fire Station this year. The rear door openings were enlarged and new energy efficient insulated doors were installed. As has been mentioned in the past years reports some consideration needs to be given to begin the process of replacing the two outlying stations. The older stations are not designed for the apparatus and activity of the department today.

Other

The department turned in the sum of \$ 183,687.93 to the Town Treasurer for 1997. The amount is broken down as follows: Smoke detector fees(new construction)-\$770.00; smoke detector fees(resale)-\$2,750.00; install fire alarm systems-\$285.00; reinspection fees-\$310.00; outside details-\$1,700.67; detail fees-\$46.50; store flammable/combustibles liquids-\$40.00; propane storage-\$520.00; fire and rescue reports-\$295.00; oil burner fees-\$900.00; miscellaneous-\$1,782.13; burning permits-\$5,080.00; restitution-\$718.96; 21E reports-\$240.00; gift account-\$4,030.00; install fire suppression-\$300.00; remove fire suppression system-\$25.00; welding-\$60.00; blasting-\$50.00; tank truck-\$40.00; tank removal-\$320.00; install tank-\$20.00; insurance recovery account-\$920.63; and ambulance receipts-\$ 162,484.04.

The Chief urges residents to install, maintain and periodically test smoke detectors. It has been proven time and time again that the early warning provided by smoke detectors helps in allowing occupants time to escape. It also results in earlier notification of the fire and helps in reducing fire damage.

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Denis Fraine, other Town Departments and Boards for their assistance. Particular appreciation goes to the firefighters, both permanent and call, for their dedication and cooperation in my efforts to better serve the citizens of Bellingham.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard F. Ranieri, Chief



Bellingham Historical Commission

3 Common Street
Bellingham, MA 02019

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Bellingham Historical Commission has been in existence for 23 years. Our Museum has been open for seven years and in our museum we have 1,146 items on display. With the publication of our Crimpville Comments we have accumulated over 2,200 pages of history. We have matured as a commission but let us not forget that all our members are volunteers with an interest in local historical preservation. Any professional help we can get is deeply appreciated.

This past year eighty-four items of Bellingham Memorabilia have been donated to the commission by residents of the community. These items range from wooden school pens, old clothes and jewelry to foot-pedal powered saws, a 1775 Dr. Corbet medical book and even an original once Bellingham used 'out-house'. There are too many donated items to list in this report. We are grateful to all who allow us to keep these items on display.

Among our annual events are the Boston Post Cane Day and Veteran Day events held at the Blackstone Valley Adult Day Care Center. Private museum tours have been given to girl scouts, boy scouts and civic groups. The 5th grade students from the Stall Brook School on three separate occasions were given a museum and walking tour of Bellingham Center. This past year we have had over 400 visitors touring or doing research at the museum.

In May our annual Historic Appreciation Award was given to a brother and sister. Marcelle Enright and Lee Fleurette. Since the B.H.C. opened its museum these individuals have contributed numerous items concerning police history, school history and misc. items. Without their foresight in the preservation of these historical items these items would have been lost forever. We are truly grateful.

Projects being worked on are the application of a matching grant to date older homes in town, cataloging all the cemetery plots in town, input into the Blackstone Valley Heritage Corridor, and input into the placing of the Town Common historical markers. Four more issues of the Crimpville Comments were published again this year. This was made possible through private donations and public funding.



Bellingham Historical Commission

3 Common Street
Bellingham, MA 02019

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We would like to thank Fran Donovan from Medway who has been our historical consultant for the past seven years. We would also like to thank Helen Dufresne for her numerous hours of volunteering. Our thanks also to Denis Fraine and the Board of Selectmen for their continued support and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Taft, Chairman

Elizabeth Andrews, Vice Chair

Katherine Smith, Secretary

Florence McCracken

Rita Sawyer

Muriel Henault-Locklin

Mary Eunice Nicholson

Fran Donovan, Consultant

Bellingham Housing Authority
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REPORT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

The Bellingham Housing Authority was organized in January, 1966. Its powers, duties and responsibilities are defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 121-B, of the Commonwealth. The objective of the Bellingham Housing Authority is to provide housing opportunities for persons of low income.

The Board of Commissioners is a five member board. Four of the Commissioners are elected to serve for a period of five (5) years, and one member is appointed by the State's Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The Board meets monthly. All regular and special meetings of the Authority are properly posted in advance, in accordance with Mass General Laws, Chapter 39, section 23, the Open Meeting Law.

The Authority manages and administers three (3) State Housing Programs and one (1) HUD Federal Rental Assistance Program (Section 8 Certificate Program) and a multi-project State Modernization Grant Award Program.

Under the State's Chapter 667 and 705 programs, the Authority owns and manages 122 units of housing for elderly/handicapped individuals and families. The Depot Court complex, built in 1969, consists of 64 one bedroom units and is located in Bellingham Center, on Depot Street. Wrentham Manor, built in 1975, consists of 56 one bedroom units, and is located in South Bellingham, on Wrentham Road. The Authority had an annual operating budget of \$323,898.00, for fiscal year ending March 31, 1998.

The Authority administers the State's Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP), a State-aided rental assistance program for families in need of, from one to four bedroom units. The vouchers are both project-based and scattered site. A total of 25 vouchers are currently being administered in the Community through the Housing Authority.

Through a contract with the U.S. Department of HUD, the Authority continues to administer the Federal Section 8 Rental Assistance Program for income-eligible families.

The Authority continues to be an active participant in the Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Legal Pilot Program. The program provides the expertise of an attorney to handle all legal issues pertaining to the Bellingham Housing Authority and public housing in general. The Authority also continues to participate in the Social Services Coordinator's Pilot Program. This program provides the expertise of a licensed Social Worker to

help our residents navigate through the human services network. Both programs are sponsored and fully funded by the State of Massachusetts. A great deal of data has been gathered through these programs, and the hope is that they will continue to be funded.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Welfare, has a new program called the Transitional Assistance Program, for eligible AFDC recipients. The Bellingham Housing Authority serves as a site for training and development for persons interested in learning the duties and responsibilities of the maintenance and clerical functions of public housing.

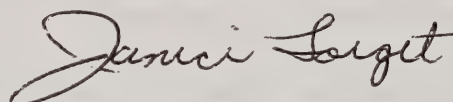
The Authority anticipates a date of Spring , 1998 to go out to bid on two Grant Funded Projects:

- * Septic System tie-in to Town's Municipal System at Wrentham Manor
- * Pavement and drainage repairs at Wrentham Manor. This project will increase the number of parking spaces at this site.

Staff at the Housing Authority include two full time maintenance employees, the Executive Director and a part time Secretary/Housing Coordinator.

The Bellingham Housing Authority will continue to assist low income individuals in their housing needs. It will also continue to participate in innovative programs and pilot projects, and will seek all sources of available funding for modernization and capital improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janice Forget".

Janice Forget, PHM
Executive Director

BOARD MEETINGS

The Bellingham Housing Authority meets regularly on a monthly basis. All regular meetings are properly posted in advance, in accordance with Mass General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 23, the Open Meeting Law.

ELIGIBILITY CRETERIA FOR EACH HOUSING PROGRAM

In determining eligibility for each housing program, the Bellingham Housing Authority follows the guidelines set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under 760 CMR.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES -FOR THE COMING YEAR

The Bellingham Housing Authority will continue to assist low income individuals to obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing. It will seek all sources of available funding to increase opportunities for affordable housing for income eligible residents of the community.

ROSTER OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Bellingham

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Address 10 Wrentham Manor . Bellingham. MA 02019

Phone 508 883 4999

	Name & Address	Phone	Term Expires
Chairperson	<u>Felix E. McDaniel</u>	<u>883 4766</u>	<u>May 1998</u>
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Vice-Chairperson	<u>William O'Connell</u>	<u>883 7725 U</u>	<u>May 1998</u>
	<u>appointed 12/97 by SOB</u>	<u>unexpired term</u>	
	<u>Elizabeth Lowry</u>		<u>May 2001</u>
Member: Treasurer	<u>Arthur J Mitchell</u>	<u>883 9135</u>	<u>May 2002</u>
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Member: Secretary	<u>Theresa Asselin</u>	<u>883 8751</u>	<u>May 1998</u>
	<u>appointed by BOS 12/97</u>	<u>unexpired term</u>	<u>May 2000</u>
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Member: Assistant Treasurer	<u>Billiegene Lavallee</u>	<u>883 1483</u>	<u>Jan. 3. 1999</u>
	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u>*State Appointee</u>
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Executive Director	<u>JAnice Forget.PHM</u>		

If one of more seats are vacant, please indicate. If you have an idea of when the seat will be filled, note that also.



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

6 MECHANIC STREET
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019
(508) 966-5821

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and Citizens of Bellingham:

The following permits were issued for 1997, with the estimated cost of the completed construction itemized:

RESIDENTIAL

84	Single-Family Dwelling	\$ 10,545,182.
1	Two-Family Dwelling	96,600.
57	Additions	868,903.
142	Accessories	322,446.
107	Remodel/Repair/Renovation/Alter	464,879.
6	Demolitions	
76	Occupancies	
19	Home Occupations(Business in residence)	
2	Temporary Trailers	

COMMERCIAL

5	New Buildings	\$ 5,757,000.
6	Additions	436,371.
5	Accessories	4,700.
21	Remodel/Repair/Renovations/Alter	198,858.
22	Signs	46,255.
6	Demolitions	
13	Occupancies	
117	Certificate of Safety Inspections	

INDUSTRIAL

1	New Building	\$ 48,000.
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Total estimated fees collected for these permits: \$ 154,871.54

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart S. LeClaire, Building Commissioner

MAPC Report of Activities for 1997

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) is the regional planning agency representing 101 cities and towns in the metropolitan Boston area. Created by an act of the Legislature in 1963, it serves as a forum for state and local officials and provides technical planning assistance and service delivery to its member communities. MAPC works with cities and towns through eight subregional organizations whose members are appointed by chief elected officials and planning boards. The Council provides the subregions with financial, planning and administrative support, and offers technical aid on selected special projects. MAPC is a designated Economic Development District of the federal Economic Development Administration and as one of 14 members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), has oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program.

MAPC completed another successful year of working with its communities, state agencies, various non-profit groups, universities, businesses, special interest coalitions, state and federal legislators, and other regional planning agencies. The agency held at least 15 regularly scheduled meetings each month, eight of which were in the different subregions. These meetings plus special workshops, seminars, focus groups, and conferences linked together the hundreds of issues and individuals who are part of the Boston area's and the nation's planning scene. It was this network that provided the energy, vision and focus for MAPC's activities in the region.

After years of concern about the role of local governments in state transportation planning and funding decisions, 1997 saw a landmark achievement in the formation of a new Boston area MPO. The reorganization was the outcome of federally supported mediation, with MAPC serving as a key negotiator for a stronger state/local partnership. MPO voting members now include seven cities and towns, along with seven state and regional agencies, including MAPC. The municipal and regional members of the MPO are responsible for programming about \$40 million per year in local road and bridge projects, about one-third of the total funds available for the metropolitan region. MAPC works with communities to develop a list of local projects to be programmed for funding.

In September, the first Transportation Improvement Program was adopted by the new MPO. The TIP also included \$10 million for "Enhancement projects", and \$3 million for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects. As a regional planning agency MAPC's role in both the Enhancement and TDM programs is to solicit proposals and prescreen them for funding eligibility.

As always, the agency also participated in a variety of transportation related projects. One of the major efforts this year involved working on the Transportation Summit meeting that was held in Springfield. This effort was organized to support the reauthorization of ISTEA and help assure that federal transportation funding for New England is not diminished. MAPC completed a three-year Pavement Management system project that involved the inspection of all federal-aid eligible roadways throughout the entire MAPC region. A report on the over 3,000 miles of road that were inspected was submitted to the Massachusetts Highway Department.

A new project that was organized last year was the Metropolitan Greenspace Initiative. Over 65 environmental and historic preservation organizations have indicated their interest in

participating in this effort that MAPC is currently staffing. As part of this project the agency has produced a map that illustrates the development growth in the greater Boston area from 1970 to 1991. The accompanying data documents the results of urban sprawl that has occurred showing a 15% growth in land development with only a 55% growth in population. MAPC staff has also been working with graduate students at the Harvard Graduate School of Design on the potential for open space protection as the region continues to grow. During the past year the agency increased its association with the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area planning project with the expectation that the agency will become one of the groups officially involved in the establishment of this new federal/state facility.

MAPC produced a number of publications during 1997. This past year the agency published its first yearly calendar with each month displaying maps containing different demographic data of interest to communities in the region and their residents. The Data Center also published a report, Top Employers, which listed by community the number of employees per establishment in the region. Other recent projects include a Title 5 compliance computer software application for Ashland and Hopkinton, economic forecasting for several agencies, school enrollment forecasts for several communities, and updates to the community profile series. The Data Center, working with Harvard University and the University of Massachusetts Boston, also completed a collaborative project known as The Massachusetts Electronic Atlas. This atlas provides access via the Internet to information on the 351 cities and towns in the state. All the information can be downloaded.

The GIS Lab completed numerous projects for both individual communities and for the region as a whole. Staff worked with Watertown on developing a tree inventory for the community. They also completed a wireless communication siting study for one of the subregions, an open space update for another, and a comprehensive regional zoning report for yet another. GIS staff conducted a number of workshops on parcel data automation and acted as an information resource for municipalities interested in beginning or expanding their GIS programs.

In addition to playing a major role on a number of regional boards and commissions, the staff also applied for and received grants to investigate shared services in one of the subregions and also to help communities deal with the issue of utility deregulation. MAPC continued to participate with the South Weymouth Naval Air Station reuse planning project. One MAPC staff member was contracted to work part time for the Town of Rockland on planning issues related to the base closure and reuse.

In 1997, the agency also completed a project that focuses on opportunities for bolstering the shoreline seafood processing and distribution industries in the Commonwealth, including an analysis of the importance of the industry to affected coastal communities in Massachusetts.

MAPC updated its Overall Economic Development Program for 1997, analyzing the regional economy and economic development needs, and revising the list of projects eligible for federal funds through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The agency administered a Community Adjustment Planning Grant provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to examine community responses to defense industry downsizing and evaluate defense dependencies of small and mid-sized municipalities. The project included several focus groups and a regional forum. A final report on strategies to adjust and diversify local economies in response to reduced defense spending will be completed in early 1998.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NORFOLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Norfolk County:

As Norfolk County Commissioners, we saw significant changes take place in county government within the Commonwealth in fiscal year 1997, including an attempt to abolish it altogether. Through prudent financial management in our county over the years and legislative awareness, motivated by the belief that the ability to communicate with and provide valuable services to our municipalities on the county level was a valuable commodity to our citizens, Norfolk County survived.

For some time we have realized the importance of supporting regional services throughout the county and in 1997 continued to provide grants to D.O.V.E. and R.&S.V.P., as well as grants to food pantries within the county. The budget also provided for grants to the Norfolk County Fire Chiefs Assoc. for the equipping of a mass casualty incident vehicle. A grant to the South Shore Drug Task Force reinforced their efforts to combat drug-related activities and crimes. The United Chamber of Commerce, which includes several Norfolk County towns also received a grant to hire an economic development consultant.

Our county engineering department rendered useful and necessary assistance to municipalities who would otherwise have to pay for such services. Wollaston Recreational Facility, housing Presidents Golf Course in North Quincy, gave golfers an affordable and quality course on which to enjoy the game, and also provided a camp for tennis enthusiasts. The Registry of Deeds, as always, provided outstanding services through its state of the art computer system and proceeded with developing its digital imaging program, while Massachusetts Respiratory Hospital in Braintree continued to provide specialized care for patients. Everyone was saddened at the death of Norfolk County Sheriff Clifford H. Marshall. Our newly appointed Sheriff John H. Flood expanded the current programs and worked towards initiating new ones. Our Agricultural High School in Walpole received accreditation for another ten years and continued to show a steady increase in enrollment, while developing technical programs and involving students in community service work. All of the preceding statements demonstrate that county government works in Norfolk County.

We wish to continue to be of service to the citizens of Norfolk County, and express our thanks to the advisory board, its coordinator, county and municipal officials, including our newly elected County Treasurer, Timothy P. Cahill, department heads, employees and interested citizens for their support, cooperation and assistance during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. O'Donnell
Chairman

John M. Gillis

Peter H. Collins

NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Building #34 Endicott Street
Norwood, Massachusetts 02062
Telephone # (617) 762-3681

December 30, 1997

Town of Bellingham

1997 REPORT OF THE NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The operational Project Program integrates all proven technologies into a system of mosquito control that is rational, safe, effective and economically feasible. All mosquito eggs need stagnant water to hatch and to sustain larval growth.

Source Reduction Work: Our primary efforts are concentrated on the drainage of shallow, standing, stagnant water, and the maintenance of existing flow systems which contribute to mosquito breeding sources.

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| • Drainage ditches hand cleaned: | 6,295 feet |
| • Brush obstructions cut: | 2,225 feet |
| • Drainage reconstructed by wide-track backhoe: | 210 feet |
| • Culverts cleaned: | 28 culverts |

Larviciding: Treatment of mosquito larvae during aquatic development is the next most effective control effort. The Project has begun to rely more on briquet applications, which provides a more site specific, sustained type of control for the mosquito larvae.

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| • Larvicide with briquets: | Total briquets: 280 | 0.60 acres |
| • Larvicide with mistblower: | Total gallons: 24 | 24 acres |

Adulticiding: The suppression of flying adult mosquitoes becomes necessary when they are numerous, annoying, or threatening to residents. All fogging is done in response to adult surveillance which includes logging of citizen complaints.

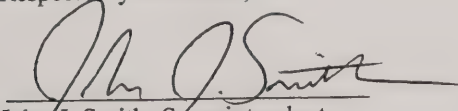
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| • Adulticide fogging (1/2oz./acre) from trucks: | Total gallons: 4.18 | 1,072.0 acres |
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Surveillance: In an effort to more fully implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach, the Project has expanded data collection and surveillance. Surveys, inspections, and monitoring in support of our program include locating and mapping larval breeding areas. Locations of nuisance populations of adult mosquitoes are also identified through the surveillance program.

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| • Total man hours in town: | 207.5 hours |
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The Project received 68 calls from residents for information and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,


John J. Smith, Superintendent

for more information on the Project please access our Website at <http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/tdescham>



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF THE
PERSONNEL BOARD
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

1997

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and to the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham.

Throughout the past year the Board has strived to establish consistency and objectivity in the administration of personnel matters in an effort to provide service in the best interest of the Town and its employees.

As required during the year, the Board interviewed job applicants and made recommendations to fill vacant town positions. The Board collected information for a new employee handbook. In addition, the Board addressed the concerns and request of department heads and employees.

In the coming year, the Board will work on preparing a welcoming package describing employee benefits. The Board, with the assistance of department heads, would like to update job descriptions.

The Board would like to thank Jacqueline Richard and Denis Fraine, and all departments for their cooperation during the year and look forward to working with all departments in the coming year.

The members of the Board continue to reaffirm their commitment to provide service to the Town of Bellingham, and the Board looks forward to making a positive contribution during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Glose, Chairperson
Monice J. Trottier, Vice Chairperson
Robert J. Badzmierowski
Gail J. Dehmer
Cindy L. Lewis
Monice J. Trottier, Clerk

December 20, 1997

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

Bellingham has been experiencing a surge in commercial development as well as a significant increase in residential subdivisions over the past few years. We will soon have an additional retail mall open on Hartford Avenue which will house the Hoyt's Cinema as well as a number of retail stores. Along with the convenience of having this shopping availability at our door steps comes the reality of the traffic impacts which accompany such development. It is our belief that the traffic mitigation measures which will be completed at the developer's expense will aid the traffic congestion problems experienced both at Harford Avenue and Maple Street.

The Planning Board reorganized on May 8, 1997 as follows: William M. Wozniak, Chairman, Roland R. LaPrade, Vice Chairman and Paul Chupa, Secretary. Anne M. Morse and Edward T. Moore are the remaining members of the Board. Richard Dill is the Planning Board's Associate Member. At the reorganization meeting, the Board also voted to reappoint Valerie J. DeAngelis as Planning Board Clerk. Philip B. Herr of Philip B. Herr and Associates remains as the Board's Planning Consultant.

A total of twenty-one Planning Board meetings were held this past year with twenty public hearings for various matters as follows: five Special Permit public hearings were held of which four were approved and one was withdrawn; eight Definitive Subdivision public hearings were held with four approvals, one withdrawal, one denial and two continuances; three rezoning public hearings were held, three Master Plan article public hearings were held and one scenic road change public hearing was held. The Board also held four Preliminary Subdivision review meetings, all of which were approved. Eight Development Plans were reviewed and approved except for one continuance. Bond postings, reductions or lot releases were requested on nine Definitive Subdivisions. A total of fifteen simple lot divisions (81-P plans) were reviewed during this past year. Revenues collected for various fees throughout the year total \$6,510.60.

The Master Plan Steering Committee which was appointed by the Planning Board in July of 1996 to formulate a new Master Plan for our Town has now completed their task. We would like to take this opportunity to commend all members of the Master Plan Steering Committee for their diligence and the hard work they expended to create the Master Plan. We are ready to take the Master Plan to the next step and discuss the best strategy to implement the plan. We believe facilitation of the Master Plan is especially important in light of the increase in development experienced lately. The Master Plan is a guideline which will help us to successfully plan for the future of our Town.

As elected members of the Planning Board, it is our job to insure development complies with our Zoning Bylaws and the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Our utmost concern is to serve in the best interest of the Town of Bellingham. We wish to thank all town officials who provide expertise which assists us in the performance of our duties. We especially wish to express our gratitude to Town Counsel for his legal advice which we rely on when considering complex legal matters. This spirit of cooperation between town departments is necessary in order to adequately consider planning issues which are before the Board.

Annual Report of the Planning Board

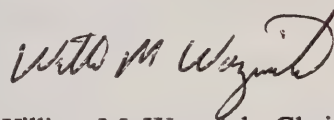
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There is no doubt that the Bellingham of the future will be somewhat different than it is today. However, we also envision our community to retain many of the qualities we all cherish. The retail complexes along Hartford Avenue are providing jobs as well as the convenience of shopping within our own Town. The Master Plan will help to ensure that growth is not haphazard. We look forward to addressing planning issues during the forthcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William M. Wozniak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "W".

William M. Wozniak, Chairman

Roland R. LaPrade, Vice Chairman

Paul Chupa, Secretary

Anne M. Morse,

Edward T. Moore

Richard Dill, Associate Member



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF
PAUL ST. GEORGE
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Resident Taxpayers of the Town of Bellingham:

The position of Plumbing and Gas Inspector is to protect our Public Water Supply from contamination through cross connection. The position of the Gas Inspector is to protect the residents of the town from any gas related hazards by inspecting for any code violations.

I have issued during the year of 1977 the following permits:

354	Plumbing Permits
178	Gas Permits

During the year of 1997 the following investigations were performed:

5	Gas Leak Investigations
15	Plumbing Complaints
10	Plumbing Violations
40	Gas Code Violations

Money collected from fees = \$33,269.00

I personally thank the Board of Health Members, Mrs. Robin Keefe and Mrs. Charlotte Mangano, Secretaries, Mr. Stuart S. LeClaire, Building Commissioner, also the residents of Bellingham for their cooperation in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul StGeorge
Plumbing & Gas Inspector



Bellingham Police Department

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CHIEF OF POLICE
RICHARD B. BOUCHER

As Chief of Police, I hereby submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1997.

On behalf of the Town of Bellingham, as well as the Bellingham Police Department, I would like to thank former Lt. Bert Guerin for his 34 years of service on the Bellingham Police Force. Lt. Guerin retired from the department this past August.

Congratulations to James L. Haughey. He has been appointed Lieutenant of the department upon Bert Guerin's retirement. Congratulations also to Paul Peterson, George "Tim" Buskirk and Kevin Ranieri for their promotions to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Peterson performs his duties as Shift Commander of the 2300-0700 (third) shift, Sgt. Ranieri was assigned to the Detective Division and Sgt. Buskirk continues his duties as the Court Liaison.

I would also like to welcome the three new full time officers who will be graduating from the Canton Police Academy in May, 1998 : Officer Leo Elzy, Sr., Officer Rodney Ferreira and Officer Joseph Steele. I believe these new officers will bring new ideas and enthusiasm to the department and I am confident they will be assets to the force.

Six new Part-Time Officers were also appointed in 1997 : Officer Scott Provost, Officer Neil Russell, Officer Charles Salmon, Officer Timothy Gotovich, Officer Stephanie Tordoff and Officer Robert Christie. These officers will attend the 120 Hour Basic Reserve Academy in January, 1998 and will begin their training as Part-Time Officers upon graduation in May, 1998.

This department has obtained over \$174,000 in Federal Grant Funding. Currently, the department has five total grants from FASTCOPS. This provides \$25,000 per grant, per year for three years. This funding will allow the increase of manpower to compensate for the increase of growth in both the business and residential communities in Town. The officers that have been funded by the FASTCOPS Grant are Officer Edward Guzowski, Officer Douglas Houston and Officer Jon Walden. The two new officers funded by the grant are Officer Rodney Ferreira and Officer Joseph Steele.

The DARE Program has been granted \$9,700 worth of grant funding. These funds will be used to maintain the program as well as to pay for the training of a new DARE Officer. I would like to extend my gratitude to Lieutenant James Haughey for his work in improving the DARE Program. I would also like to thank DARE Officers Lee Rolls, James Martin and the newest DARE Officer Antonio Carneiro for their outstanding work within the school system.

The Community Police Program has been granted \$23,000 worth of grant funding. These funds will be used to maintain current community police programs such as the Bike Patrol, Stepping Forward, Last Chance and Dedham Jail trips, Bike Safety and Business Checks. Some funds will also be used to establish new programs such as "hot spot" radar patrols, "Are you O.K." and the S.R.O. (School Resource Officer) program. Officer Ken Lamarre has been assigned as the S.R.O. and has been spending two days a week within the school system offering his assistance and guidance to the students, teachers and administrators.

The Bike Patrol has progressed through the year. Along with Bike Patrol Officer Jim Martin, four new officers have been trained for Bike Patrol Duty : Officer Ken Lamarre, Officer Doug Houston, Officer Jim Russell and Officer Jon Walden. There has been an overwhelming response to the Bike Patrol Unit and I believe it is a great way to better interact with the community.

The Bellingham Police Department has also received \$11,488 worth of funding through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program offered by the Department of Justice. These funds will be used to purchase equipment needed to establish and maintain a web page for the Bellingham Police Department. Funding will also be used to maintain crime prevention programs such as Elderly Care, Child I.D. and No, Go, Tell Programs.

In conjunction with the Bellingham School Department, funds totaling \$4,985 have been granted to establish and maintain the "Lifting Up" Program. Officer Ken Lamarre along with members of the school department bring students to a Health Club after school to work out. This program provides the students with an alternative to spending time on the streets as well as providing them with a sense of confidence and accomplishment.

The K-9 Unit has proved to be an extremely effective program. Officer Leonard Gosselin and K-9 "Nik" completed a K-9 Drug Certification Training Program offered by the Boston Police K-9 Unit and have been active in tracking and drug apprehensions within town as well as providing assistance to the surrounding communities.

This past May, Sgt. Tim Buskirk traveled to Russia. This trip was possible through the Project Harmony Program. This program initiates the exchange between Russian Police Officers and Officers from the United States. Tim observed Russian Police tactics and visited their training facilities. He enjoyed his trip and found the experience professionally enlightening. In October, Sgt. Buskirk hosted a Russian Officer. The Russian delegate was given a tour of our town and police facilities, he was familiarized with the equipment and introduced to the officers. He was taken on patrol of the town as well as taken to the courts, prisons and training academies. He and Sgt. Buskirk then traveled to Washington D.C. and Virginia to visit F.B.I. Headquarters and training facilities.

I would like to thank the entire department for their cooperation and professionalism displayed throughout the year.

I also wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Denis Fraine for their assistance in aiding the Bellingham Police Department in becoming a more professional department. I would also like to thank Jacqueline Richards and Cathy Creasia for their assistance to this department as well. A special thanks to Marilyn Mathieu and Wendy Anderson for their help with the PAMET Computer System. Thank you as well to Chief Bartlett and the members of the Auxiliary Police Department for their continued assistance and support.

Chief Richard B. Boucher

HELLINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
Incident Statistics

January 7, 1998

Wednesday 12:35

Grand Totals by Incident Type [January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997]

Incident Type	Month of Year												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
209 - 209A VIOLATION	3			2	1	1	3		1	1	1		13
ACC - ACCIDENT	66	41	52	68	50	44	43	68	49	73	78	74	706
AGA - AGGRAV ASSAULT			1										1
ALA - ALARM	61	62	53	52	63	52	63	69	58	52	63	52	700
AMV - ABANDONED MV									1	1	1		3
APC - ANNOYING PHONE	5	4	6	3	1	3	2	5	2	8	3	3	45
ARR - ARREST	15	9	13	29	18	31	26	35	21	22	15	22	256
ARS - ARSON										1			1
ASF - ASSAULT-FIREARM									1				1
ASK - ASSAULT-KNIFE											1		1
ASP - ASSAULT-PHYSICA	2	1		1		1	1		1	1	3		11
ASS - ASSAULT-SIMPLE	5	5	1	2	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	3	30
ASU - ATTEMPTED SUICI			1							1			2
ASW - ASSAULT-WEAPON				1						1			2
ATL - ARTICLES LOST		1	1					1				1	4
ATR - ARTICLES RECOVD					1	1		1	1		2		6
AUR - M/V RECOVERED	1						1	1			2		5
AUS - M/V STOLEN		1				1		1	1			1	5
B&E - BREAKING & ENT	5	4	4	1		1	1		1	2		2	21
BEA - B&E ATTEMPT	1		1	1		1	3		2	1		2	12
BEF - B&E FORCED	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	3		1	1	1	16
BEM - B&E MV				4	2	2	4	4	6	2	2	2	28
BEU - B&E UNLAW ENTRY					1	1		2	1	1	1		7
BIR - BICYCLE RECOVERD	1	2	1		3	3	2	2					14
BIS - BICYCLE STOLEN			3		2	7	8	3		2			25
BOM - BOMB THREAT									1				1
BUR - BURGLARY												1	1
BYL - BY-LAW VIOL.				2				1				1	4
COM - COMMUNITY SER										1	2	1	4
DEA - DEATH							1						1
DIS - DISTURBANCE	9	11	7	7	7	8	4	3	1	4	6	8	75
DOM - DOMESTIC	2	5	5	3	6	4	4	7	4	5	7	1	53
DSP - DISTURB / PEACE						2	16	24	28	19	12	3	104
FAV - FIREARMS VIOL					1			1					2
FIR - FIRE				1			1	1		2	1	5	11
FIW - FIREWORKS								1					1
FRA - FRAUD	1		3			1			3		1		9
HAR - HARASSMENT	1					2	2	4	3	7	3	2	24
HEA - HEALTH DEPT	1	3				1	1						6
IAS - INDECENT ASSAUL	1							1				2	4
IEX - INDECENT EXPOSU			1				1						2
LAG - LARCENY-GRAND	1			1		1				1			4
LAR - LARCENY	11	6	6	7	14	6	20	13	11	12	19	16	141
LIT - LITTERING						1		1					2
LMV - LARCENY MV		1	1	2	2		2			2	1		11
LTK - LARCENY-TRUCK								1	1				2
LVO - LARCENY MV OTHER						1							1
MIP - MISSING PERSON		2	4	1	3	2		1	1	1	1	4	20
MIS - MISCELLANEOUS	17	26	28	37	34	26	39	39	62	65	75	71	519
MPF - MP FOUND												1	1
MPR - MP RETURNED						1		1					2
MUT - MUTUAL AID		1	1	2	1	5	8	15	8	16	6	12	75
MVF - MOTOR VEH FATAL										1			1
MVO - M/V OPERATION	18	17	14	14	13	13	19	8	17	17	23	9	182
MVT - M/V TOWED	5	5	8	12	7	10	14	10	11	2	9	8	101
NAR - NARCOTICS	1	8	2	3	1	1		1	2		1	1	21
PRC - PROT. CUSTODY	2	5	4	1	2		2	1	4	3	3	3	30
PRF - PROPERTY FOUND	1			1	1	3	1	5	5	8	3	6	34
PRL - PROPERTY LOST						1	1	2		1	2	1	8
PRO - PROWLER									1				1
RAP - RAPE												1	1
RES - RESCUE			1	1		1	1	1		1			6
ROU - ROBBERY UNARMED					1								1
SHO - SHOPLIFTING		1		1	1	2		5	2	1	2	2	17
SMV - SUSPICIOUS MV		1	1			2		6	5	4	2	3	24
SPE - SUSPICIOUS PERS	1	3	2	2		4	2	10	12	8	2	4	50
STP - STOLEN PLATES	4	1	1	2	4	4			2	1		1	20
SUD - SUDDEN DEATH			3	1	1		1			1			7
SUI - SUICIDE												1	1
THR - THREAT	2	2	2	2	2		4	3	2	1	1	1	22
TRE - TRESSPASS	2	2	4	4	1		3	2	2	3			26
UNF - UNFOUNDED	19	12	32	18	21	18	45	67	43	46	47	45	413
UTI - UTILITIES COMP			1	2		1	2	1			3	4	14
VAN - VANDALISM	12	7	14	14	14	15	16	20	11	22	8	11	164
WAR - WRT. ARR. ONLY	5	7	5	8	2	5	5	3	7	7	4	8	66
189													
TOTALS	282	257	288	315	285	296	375	457	397	434	419	400	4205



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BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

To The Honorable Selectman:

Annual Report of the Bellingham Public Library 1997

This year was marked by changes in personnel, continued access, school/ library participation and increased programming.

January began with a new staff member on board. We welcomed Cecily Christensen to the library, in the first ever, professional Reference Librarian position. The library also re-opened Fridays, with hours of operation increasing, and new reference services being provided.

Winter storyhours were offered. A feature film series was also shown, once a month on Saturday. Monday afternoons were set aside for pre-school videos.

February, interactive videos for pre-schoolers and toddlers continued on Mondays. Fridays offered a drop-in storytime.

During school vacation week, the library sponsored "Theater to Do," an audience participation play featuring "Caps for sale." Drop-in programs were "Mixed Up Fairytales" and "Mysterious Mixtures-Art."

We began offering Internet service to the community, on a limited sign-up basis. As the year went on, we increased the amount of times available for Internet use.

March brought a return performance of "Wingmaster" with a new program titled, "The World of Owls." Live owls were brought in for the audience to see, while information and stories were told about each species.

April celebrated National Library Week and the first ever town-wide "Turn the TV Off" week. The library provided programs for children and families throughout the week. Children participating in the program were asked to put their name on a circle that was to become part of a bookworm body. The bookworm's body wrapped around the children's room three times, with names of all the students who took part in the week long event.

The long awaited Children's Room House was unveiled, with builder, Ronald LaPrade present for the ceremony. Mother Goose provided the entertainment, leading a procession of children into the children's room to view the new house.

May offered a "Career Resource Workshop." for those people looking for jobs, changing careers, or just interested in finding out what the library had to offer.

The Jay Tyer Trio also performed in May for the listening pleasure of all those who attended. The audience was treated to original and Jazz standards.

June brought the retirement of long time Children's Librarian, Connie Peter. Connie had also been a pre-school teacher in Bellingham prior to taking the position of Children's Librarian. She left to spend time with her grandchildren and be able to all those things she had never had time to do when she was working.

A special program was also offered on deaf awareness and deaf culture funded by the local cultural council. This program was put on by Karen Glickman. She spoke to the audience using sign language and

brought her "hearing" dog and her "hearing" interpreter with her. The audience learned what it is like to be deaf and different methods used to communicate with others.

Barbra Katz became the new Youth Services Librarian at the end of June, just in time to assist with the Summer Reading program.

The Summer Reading program theme was "Celebration." 250-300 people signed up to participate in the program. This 6-week program ran from July 7-August 14. Each week was a different celebration, with storytellers, crafts, movies, entertainers, etc. The last day was celebrated with an outdoor festival, complete with wandering minstrel, a visit from a local cat shelter, sidewalk drawing, mural making and a "make your own sundae" party.

The elementary and high school art teachers mounted a wonderful display of art work produced by their students during the school year. The works hung in the entryway hall and entrance to the children's room for the duration of the summer.

September began Bellingham elementary school tours. Teachers in grades K-7 met in the library for an orientation tour and discussion of curriculum material. Kindergarten and 6th grade class tours were then set-up for all the elementary classes in Bellingham. These tours continued through December.

Storyhours, including a new Toddler Time, were offered with a total of 32 children attending one of 4 sessions.

October saw the new Youth Services Librarian leave for a Reference position at another library, which meant once again we were without a Children's Librarian.

The Bellingham Women of Today held their annual Halloween Party for children in Bellingham. Forty children and their parents showed up for the gala event, complete with costumes and entertainment.

November we continued to offer drop-in storytimes for pre-schoolers. A variety of stories were read including holiday favorites.

December was celebrated with a visit from Mrs. Claus, a production of "A Christmas Carol" put on by two members of the Hampstead Players, and holiday craft making.

The Friends of the Bellingham Public Library were very busy during the year. They sponsored a variety of programs, as well as raising a phenomenal \$6,200.00 at their annual golf tournament. The annual craft fair was a wonderful success and raised another \$2,150.00 for the library. The on-going book sale table contributed an average of \$50.00 a week towards additional programming and services offered by the Friends.

The library would not be able to provide the myriad of programs, services and equipment that the community has begun to expect without the additional help of the volunteer efforts of the Friends.

The Bellingham Cultural Council also contributed to the enhancement of programs and events offered here at the library. They hosted monthly art displays throughout the year. Some of the highlights were the annual quilt display, the annual photo exhibit, and the donation of a special memorial Norman Rockwell print in honor of Robert Wood.

Local artist Bob Higgins also donated another wooden sculpture to the library which graces the entryway.

The Community Room continues to be utilized by local town offices, schools, and groups from all over Massachusetts.

As always we wish to thank all of those people that volunteered their services to the library over the past year, without their assistance, we would not have been able to continue to provide the quality of service the town has come to expect.

Volume Count:
Video: 500
Audio Cassettes: 500
Music CD's: 317
Total Volume Count: 39,000

Total Museum Passes: 9
Total Community Room Use: 200
Annual Circulation Figures: 90,000

Respectfully Submitted by:

Board of Library Trustees:
Fran Newton, Chair
Lea Kraus, Vice Chair
Joanne McAneny, Secretary
Linda Lord
Maryclare Burke

Library Director:
Laura Einstadter

BELLINGHAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ANNUAL REPORT CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

Drinking Water Supply

With the addition of new Well #12, the Department of Public Works (DPW) operates and maintains: nine ground water supply pumping stations, five lime feed facilities, three water storage stand pipes, one green sand filtration plant, and approximately eighty-two miles of water main.

During the calendar year 1997 we completed construction of the Drinking Water Supply Well #12. This well is in the Charles River Basin, west of the River, between High Street, and Route 495. Access to the well is from Cliff Road. The permit for the well allows us to pump about one half million gallons of water per day.

This year we got our Corrosion Control Facilities up and running. The facilities are designed to feed hydrated lime into the water supply system to raise the pH. The lime is added to raise the pH and thereby reduce the corrosive nature of the Town's water.

Corrosion control has two main objectives. The first is to reduce lead and copper levels in our tap water. Lead in the tap water is our number one water related health concern. The second is to reduce the number of leaks that occur in the system.

We started tap water testing in September to confirm the effectiveness of the lime feed system. This testing will be repeated in the Summer of 1998 and then annually to insure that our customers are not exposed to excessive lead level from the drinking water. With ninety percent of the test results received, the results look very good. The results verify that both lead and copper levels have been dramatically reduced.

The DPW has not had as many leaks surfacing over the last few months. This is a good sign, but it is too early to verify the leak prevention effects of the Corrosion Control System. We have just started another leak detection survey and expect to find several leaks have not yet surfaced. The survey is performed by using specially designed microphones and amplifiers to hear the sound a leaking pipe makes underground. The Town owns this equipment allowing us to perform our own leak detection work.

Leakage is one major part of our unaccounted for water problem. We are working hard to reduce our unaccounted for water. This year, we started an extensive large meter testing program. We also expanded our residential meter renewal program. We intend to continue with an aggressive meter testing and replacement program. These meter programs will work in concert with leak repair and detection to reduce our unaccounted for water.

Other water quality related activities include: bi-weekly testing for Coliform Bacteria in the distribution system, Cross Connection / Backflow Prevention Program, and other testing required under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations.

Under our Cross Connection / Backflow Prevention Program, we worked with the School Department staff to perform plumbing changes at the Memorial Junior-Senior High School. These

changes are designed to protect occupants of the School from internal contamination sources. Possible internal contamination sources include: science lab areas, boilers, commercial dish washing equipment and film processing. The backflow prevention devices we installed, will keep the drinking water separate from the process water.

This is the goal of our Cross Connection / Backflow Prevention Program. We survey all buildings in Town that use water for purposed other than typical domestic consumption. We then recommend corrective measures that not only protect the town's overall water system, but any individual that may drink from any tap inside any building in Town.

Our program has been in place for six years, but is still in its infancy. We have added the staff position of DPW Coordinator to make our program a more proactive. Historically, cross connections have been the single largest cause of water born disease in the United States. This is why the "safe to the last tap" program has been accepted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and our town.

The DPW staff replaced forty old water service lines in Mendon Street. We renewed all of our pipes under this section of roadway as Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) has plans to reconstruct this street. The MHD paving project has been delayed, but should take place in the Spring and Summer of 1998.

An inspection of the South Main Street Stand Pipe (water storage tank number one) indicated an urgent need to rehabilitate this fifty-eight year old structure. Funds were appropriated, and the engineering firm selected. Repainting of the interior and exterior along with safety improvements to the ladder and access system will be completed in 1998.

The DPW office has been actively working with the town administration to analyze the impacts, and draft the best deal for the town, related to the proposed power plants. The goal of the negotiations is to have the power plant's fund improvements to the town's water system. The improvements will increase our pumping capacity by at least two times the quantity of water they will consume. The American National Power (ANP) agreement has been drafted. The agreement insures that ANP will fund water system improvements that should increase our water supply capacity by almost one million gallons per day.

The DPW intern has constructed a computer model of the Town's water supply system. We hope to have model calibration completed by the 1998 interns. This model will eventually allow simple analysis of the pipe system impacts caused by the addition of major developments and allow the DPW to design more efficient hydrant and valve maintenance programs.

Sanitary Sewer Collection

The DPW maintains five sewer pumping stations, about sixteen miles of sewer pipe, three metering stations. Phase one and two sewer programs and private developments have made public sewer available to about 1,400 properties. During 1997, one hundred and twenty-nine properties

connected to the town sewer system. At the end of the year, about seventy-two percent of the properties that have public sewers available have connected.

The Crossroads Center (Home Depot) project developer installed piping and a pump station that will eventually serve the town's sewer needs for the Cedar Hill, Valley View, and other adjacent areas of town. The Deer Run developer extended sewer service to all home along Pine Grove Avenue. This is especially beneficial as Pine Grove Avenue is very close to drinking water supply well number three.

In the Fall, the Board of Selectmen announced unanimous support for the construction of Phase 3 sewers. Funds to get Phase three started were appropriated in October. The engineering firm selection process was completed in late December. This phase of sewer is heavily dependent upon the tax revenue from the proposed power plants. However, if this phase becomes a reality it could supply town sewer to another 1,400 homes. This would double the existing sewer service area. The list of streets that will be included in the Phase three sewer program should be complete by the middle of 1998. An article will appear on the Town Meeting in May related to sewers for the new High School, and in October for all areas to be included in Phase three. Construction of the entire phase will take over four years.

As the year ended, the three year connection protection period expired for properties that received town sewer from Phase 1 and 2. Twice during the year, notices were sent to all property owners that had not connected, to make them aware of the sewer capacity limitations that could delay their ability to connect to the town sewer. As of January 1, 1998, connection permits can no longer be immediately accepted for buildings serviced by the Charles River Pollution Control District Treatment Plant. Requests for capacity must be submitted to the DPW office. Capacity is allocated on a first come first serve basis. The list of capacity requests is already long.

Phase 3 sewers look like a reality. If this phase moves forward, solutions to our limited sewer capacity problem will be addressed. At that time, the three year connection limitation will hopefully become a mute point.

Highway

The Bellingham roadway system includes about eighty-five miles of accepted roads, and ten miles of un-accepted roads. The DPW uses a computerized road management program to schedule repairs to accepted streets. The DPW performs snow and ice control, sweeping, and catch basin cleaning on all street that are not private.

Several roadway projects were completed this year. Candace Drive, Lemire Court, Fleetwood Road, Richard Avenue, Glenbrook Avenue and a portion of Elvira Street were resurfaced. Gail Drive and a section of North Street were reconstructed.

New traffic markings were painted on several streets and an annual program of traffic marking renewal and improvement has been established.

The contract to extend a culvert on Pulaski Boulevard was completed. This allowed us to complete the sidewalk system from Center Street to the Harpin Street school and ball field area.

We have applied for grant funding for major roadway projects and some grant moneys have been received. The Public Works Economic Development Grant was received that will improve the drainage, pedestrian access, and overall safety for Maple Street from Route 140 to the Route 495 overpass. We expect construction to start in 1999.

In connection with the Maple Street improvement, we have submitted the requests for Traffic Improvement Program funding, to realign the roadways and install traffic signals at the Maple Street / Route 140 intersection. Public hearings were held by the MHD and the project will be ready for bid and construction by early April of 1998. However, as 1997 ended, it appeared the project may be delayed due to funding problems as MHD. The DPW office and town administration will continue to push to obtain this funding. If approved, the MHD will pay for all aspects of the roadway construction. We hope to see the signals in place by the end of 1998.

The engineering firm selection is complete, and the preliminary plan preparation process is underway, to improve Pulaski Boulevard from Crooks Corner to the Franklin town line. Town officials and our engineers have met with MHD officials and will submit a preliminary design report in early 1998. This project will include reconstruction of the Crooks Corner intersection as well as the Paine Street and Wrentham Road intersection. The project cost is estimated at close to three and a half million dollars. We hope to be starting construction of this project in 2000.

The MHD has started the design process that has promised to install signalization and overall improvements to the Blackstone Street intersections at both the South Main and the Mechanic Street end. We do not have any schedule from MHD for this project.

With the possibility of Phase 3 sewers on the horizon, we will try to schedule road work in areas that will not be dug up by the next phase of sewer construction. This will delay planned improvement of some streets in need of repair. If a street gets a new sewer main, it will also get a new paved surface, once all sewer work is complete. It makes no sense to pave a street, only to have it dug up again, less than two years later for sewers.

Again this year, the DPW hired a large staff of local high school and college aged students as summer help. Their primary task was to perform highway beautification. Their work included cutting brush, removing weeds, ball field maintenance and applying weed killer in sidewalk areas. This program appears to work well and will be continued as long as funding allows.

We had a tremendous snow storm on April 1, 1997. We received almost three feet of heavy wet snow in less than twenty-four hours. The snow was very heavy and wet, and came down so fast, that over half of the town vehicles and seventy-five percent of hired vehicles were broken down, ineffective, or unusable. After this huge storm, the DPW was proud to say that we had one lane passable on every street in town only fourteen hours after the last flakes stopped falling.

Equipment

The DPW improved its fleet. We ordered three new medium sized trucks all with snow plows. This will improve our ability to clean up the side streets. We have only two vehicles that are small enough to plow the large number of side roads and small neighborhood streets. This has left us heavily dependent upon plow vendors for even the smallest snow storms. We expect the vehicles to arrive by late January 1998.

We also purchased a new liquid ice control chemical. Testing during the 1998 snow season may prove this product a useful pretreatment for roads to avoid initial icing. It will also be tested to see, if it can live up to its promise, to reduce sand and salt consumption by fifty percent. It has been widely used in Northern section of New York State. Our preliminary experiences with it are very favorable.

Master Planning Study

The DPW was an integral part of this process. Many tasks and goals have been defined for the DPW from the study. The growth projections will be a very useful tool for planning and prioritizing projects.

The study has brought to light the enormity of one growth problem of which we have very little control. This problem is traffic. Our geographic location places us in the middle of many major traffic routes. This yields future vehicle trip projections that are astronomical. This is clearly our largest problem and will require extensive advanced planning to fix problem areas before they reach a critical state.

Conclusion

It has been a good year for the DPW. We made it through the worst Spring snow storm on record. We kept water supplies levels in good condition, although it was a very dry summer. Sewer expansion appears to be in our future, improving the quality of life for town residents. Aggressive pursuit of MHD funds should help keep our street improvement projects moving forward.

All employees of the DPW look forward to serving the residents of the Town of Bellingham in 1998 and beyond.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Donald F. DiMartino
DPW Director

TOTAL WATER PUMPED INTO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

MONTH	GALLONS
JANUARY	38,075,000
FEBRUARY	35,004,000
MARCH	40,194,000
APRIL	39,303,000
MAY	45,974,000
JUNE	55,129,000
JULY	63,469,000
AUGUST	45,719,000
SEPTEMBER	42,471,000
OCTOBER	42,403,000
NOVEMBER	37,911,000
DECEMBER	39,202,000
TOTAL	524,854,000

WELL PUMPING BREAKDOWN

PUMP STATION	GALLONS
STATION 1	85,370,000
STATION 2	27,951,000
STATION 3	15,443,000
STATION 4	141,772,000
STATION 5	61,920,000
STATION 11	57,605,000
STATION 12	5,767,000
FILTRATION PLANT	129,026,000
TOTAL	524,854,000

DAILY AVERAGE PUMPED	1,437,956 Gallons
MAXIMUM DAY PUMPED	2,891,581 Gallons

GALLONS METERED	339,855,127
GALLONS UN-METERED TRACKED:	14,395,000
FLUSHING HYDRANTS	13,145,000
FIRES	500,000
MAJOR WATER BREAKS	750,000
UNACCOUNTED FOR WATER	170,603,873
PERCENTAGE	33%

WATER

THE WATER METERS ARE BEING READ SEMI-ANNUALLY. THE TOWN IS DIVIDED INTO SIX SECTIONS WITH READINGS IN EACH SECTION APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS APPART.

METERED:

DOMESTIC	4,968
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL	287

UN-METERED:

SUMMER TAKERS	7
DOMESTIC	2
TOTAL	5,264

METERS RE-READ BY OWNER:

(TRANSFERS OR PROPERTY CHANGES)	220
SECONDARY METERS	4

NEW SERVICES:

INSTALLED BY DPW	6
INSTALLED BY OTHERS	47

HYDRANT MAINTENANCE:

PAINTED	-
REPAIRED	24
REPLACED	4
INSPECTED	20
FLUSHED	198
WINTERIZED	26
TOTAL IN SYSTEM	790

SEWER**CONNECTIONS:**

TOTAL AVAILABLE	1,400
CONNECTED BEFORE 1/1/97	875
CONNECTED DURING 1997	129
TOTAL CONNECTED	1,004

SEWER FLOWS

TO CRPCD	68,907,000	Gallons
TO WWTP	14,438,000	Gallons

DPW SERVICE CALLS:

METERS REPLACED DEFECTIVE	64
METERS REPLACED FORZEN	12
METERS RECYCLED	203
BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES TESTED	107
HIGHWAY SERVICE CALLS	359
WATER SERVICE CALLS	1,702
EMERGENCY CALLS	1
FACILITIES CALLS	4
WATER MAIN BREAKS REPAIRED	15
WATER SERVICE BREAKS REPAIRED	52

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January 2, 1998

Bellingham Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Annex
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

RE: Town Counsel
Annual Report

Dear Board Members:

The following is the Annual Report of Town Counsel:

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Town Counsel, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1997, as required by Chapter 10, Article 10.03 of the Town By-Laws:

CASES SETTLED

1. Thomas E. Clark vs. Town of Bellingham, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 89-2022.
2. Evergreen Construction Co. vs. Town of Bellingham, Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 89-2854.
3. Wayne D. Peckham vs. Bellingham Zoning Board of Appeals, Milford District Court, Docket No. 9366CV39.
4. Thomas Clark, Jr., et al vs. John F. Emidy, et al, Norfolk Superior Court No. 932162.
5. Evergreen Construction, Inc., et al vs. Denis Fraine, et al, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 93-1776.
6. Paul Watson vs. Town of Bellingham, et al, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 94-01195.
7. Roger Gagnon vs. Robert Andrews, et al vs. The Zoning Board of Appeals, Milford District Court, Docket No. 9666CV411.

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8. Denis C. Fraine, Town Administrator, et al vs. Bell Atlantic Mobile, Robert J. Andrews, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals, et al, Milford District Court, Docket No. 9666-CV-571.
9. Paul D. Everett, III vs. the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Bellingham, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Chapter 138, Section 67 Appeal.
10. Commonwealth vs. Gary Lombard, Milford District Court, Docket No. 9666CR-1824.
11. Michael J. Iacovelli vs. Town of Bellingham, Land Court No. 42050.
12. William Yasick vs. the Bellingham Planning Board, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 96-02062.
13. Robert C. & Yvette L. Gladu vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 280209-96-PRO.

CASES PENDING

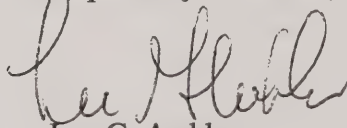
1. John D. DeMoninici vs. James F. Brennan, et al, Zoning Board of Appeals, Milford District Court, Docket No. 7988.
2. Kenneth and Ann Thompson vs. Town of Bellingham, Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 90-1682A.
3. Bellingham Associates vs. Water Sewer Commission, Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 93-1665.
4. F. W. Madigan Company, Inc. Vs. Town of Bellingham, Norfolk Superior Court.
5. Town of Bellingham vs. Chaulk Services, Inc. ., Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 95-1266A.
6. Franklin H. Riedy vs. Bellingham Police Department, United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Docket No. 94-12065EFH.
7. Joanne Bonner, et al vs. Town of Bellingham, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 94-01319.
8. Mark Horan vs. Town of Bellingham, et al, Land Court, Petition to Vacate a Final Decree and a Tax Lien Case.

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9. Anthony M. Ozella, Jr., et al vs. The Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 235145-96-PRO.
10. FBS Associates vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 235168-96-PRO.
11. FBS Associates vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 235169-96-PRO.
12. 914 South Main Street, Schoech, Wayne vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 242702-97-PRO.
13. F.T. Acquisition vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 244543-97-PRO.
14. 1044-1048 South Main Street vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 235145-96-PRO.
15. Brandy Guertin vs. Town of Bellingham, Milford District Court, Docket No. CA966CV443.
16. Richard C. Hill vs. the Town of Bellingham, Norfolk County Superior Court, Docket No. 97-00861.
17. Cumberland Farms vs. James McElroy, et al, Bellingham Board of Selectmen, Land Court, Docket No. 235350 Misc.

Respectfully submitted,



Lee G. Ambler,
Town Counsel

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VETERANS' SERVICES

The Veterans' Services program continues to provide prompt service to the Town's veterans population and their dependents. Over the past year, services were provided as follows:

Number of Veterans Receiving Benefits: 3

Number of Veterans and Dependents Serviced or Provided Counseling: 51

Veterans seeking assistance are encouraged to contact the Veterans' Services Office for information on program offerings. We are proud to service the veteran community and stand ready to answer their call.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mazzola
Veterans' Agent

Denis C. Fraine
Administrative Assistant
to Veterans' Agent



ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

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Electrical Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR


To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bellingham:

PERMITS ISSUED IN 1997

January	31	\$ 1,581.00
February	15	1,280.00
March	19	1,538.00
April	26	925.00
May	42	1,785.00
June	50	1,681.00
July	50	13,063.00
August	38	1,340.00
September	38	6,997.00
October	53	3,090.00
November	41	3,450.00
December	62	4,357.00
TOTAL	465	\$ 41,087.00

I wish to thank all Town Officials for the assistance.

Respectfully submitted,


Florent R. Levesque
Electrical Inspector



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AGENT

4 MECHANIC ST.

BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

FISCAL YEAR 1996 – 1997

In the past fiscal year, there have been approximately thirty-two (32) reported accidents of which six (6) resulted in lost time. The total claims paid for medical compensation was \$69,087.60 and total claims paid for medical services was \$43,135.66.

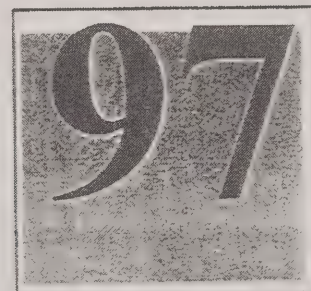
These figures represent a decrease in compensation paid as lost time was brief in most cases. A slight increase in medical claims paid resulted from several cases needing further medical treatments and/or surgery.

The Town of Bellingham strives to keep these costs down by anticipating potentially unsafe conditions and taking corrective action with Department Heads. Through Health Resources, the occupational health nurse continues to monitor all reported injuries on a weekly basis and also provides valuable information for all town employees.

Respectfully submitted;

Nancy A. Bailey
Worker's Compensation Agent

The year in review



**Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District
1997 Report**

Innovations in Education

*Submitted by
Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director*

From the Superintendent-Director:

The state has entered the fifth year of a seven year implementation cycle of a massive reform effort designed to change how we conceive of and conduct public education in Massachusetts. Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School has championed this reform effort from the start, implementing changes, exceeding mandates, and leading the charge for improvement of public education. The reaction and impact have included statewide recognition, positive employer feedback, new levels of parental involvement and benchmarked accountability and growth.

The 1996-97 school year marked Valley Tech's thirtieth anniversary. It was also the year which tested and validated many of our improvements. Students attended school for an additional nine days; a faculty-driven team system was launched to further look at time and learning and to review and enhance curriculum; numerous projects integrating academics, vocational-technical learning and the community were initiated; a five-year technology plan was adopted and hailed by the Department of Education as a model for other school systems; and a \$750,000 bond for expansion of computer technology and vocational-technical equipment received district-wide support.

These efforts, and many more like them, enjoyed unparalleled success. In 1997 individual strands of our reform initiatives blended together cohesively into a seamless blueprint, resulting in a more efficient, more comprehensive enhancement process. This innovative systemwide process is an ambitious endeavor: a journey without end.

As we reflect on the past year, and contemplate the next, the Valley Tech family will remain steadfast in its mission to prepare young people for life after high school through a quality vocational-technical and academic education. We shall continue to answer the challenge put forth by parents, by the business community, by government leaders, by the Board of Education, and most significantly, by the students we serve - to teach, to nurture and to mold in a way which prepares our youth to compete in the 21st century.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

Time and Learning - Making the most of the school day

In an effort to maximize the talents of all, the staff divided into five teams, with each team focusing on a different aspect of the school's mission. Meeting throughout the year, each team analyzed and reviewed the current practices of the school, monitored the reform measures in place, and developed short and long term plans and pilot programs to enhance the school. Teams participated in over 1,800 hours of planning and implementation time and involved over 100 teachers and administrators.

"The team approach allows for all staff to take ownership of the changes we make and the successes we have."

John Thomas
Curriculum Coordinator

- ▶ **The Basic Skills Team** focuses on reading, writing and study skills.
- ▶ **The Frameworks Team** relates Valley Tech's curriculum to the state's frameworks guidelines.
- ▶ **The Chapter 74 Team** focuses on incorporating Chapter 74 and SCANS skills into the curriculum.
- ▶ **The Benchmarks Team** looks to establish reference points by which the reform measures can be assessed.
- ▶ **The Integration Team** coordinates the efforts of the other teams.

- Highlights:**
- ◆ Lengthened school year to 189 teaching days. By the 1997-98 school year, total teaching days will increase to 193; the longest public school year in the state.
 - ◆ Completed second year of a long-block schedule for 9th and 10th graders.
 - ◆ Developed alternating 4 x 4 block schedule for all students for 1997-98 school year.
 - ◆ Successfully implemented a new exploratory program for 9th graders.
 - ◆ Continued the 60 hour per instructor per year professional development standard which is twice the state mandate.
 - ◆ Continued to receive state-wide recognition in reports and studies, including the Massachusetts Business Alliance of Education's (MBAE) education reform update and the DOE Report on Time and Learning.
 - ◆ Received high praise and continued accreditation to 2002 from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

"Administration, faculty and staff have diligently worked to implement changes resulting from the Education Reform Act...the team approach and outstanding effort...has created new and innovative ways to solve problems."

New England Association of Schools and Colleges
Accreditation report, 1997

Integration - Organizing the best curricular and instructional practices into a single 'integrated' high school experience

With the new team approach in mind, faculty embarked upon joint projects and programs, merging talents to teach in new, vibrant ways. The muscle and bone project described below was but one of many undertaken this year. Valley Tech's integration effort will continue to look for ways to work cooperatively between our own departments combining academic and vocational-technical learning, as well as reaching out to partner with schools, community service groups, and senior citizens in the district.

Janice Muldoon-Moors, a health services instructor, teamed up with John Festa, carpentry instructor, on a project to help area third graders learn about anatomy. Valley Tech students in Health Services and Carpentry combined their knowledge to create wooden models of different body structures, like knee joints and hands, which were used to teach the third graders. The project exposed the carpentry students to concepts of teaching and early childhood development, health services students learned about carpentry techniques, and the third graders were able to interact with older students in a stimulating learning environment.

"We were excited that you came to our classroom. It was fun and we learned a lot about bones and muscles."

Peter Kraftka
3rd grader
Woodland Elementary School
Milford

Student Highlights

- ▶ Based upon guidance documentation, 100% of graduating seniors were placed in jobs, the military, colleges and post-secondary employment and training programs for the third consecutive year.
- ▶ Certificates of vocational-technical competency were awarded with diplomas at graduation.
- ▶ Total student enrollment continued to increase, with greater competition for available seats.
- ▶ Valley Tech students were singled out for recognition by researchers at the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine in Natick. Their design for a device to hold cells inside a cytometer will be patented.
- ▶ The robotics team competed respectably against college and NASA-affiliated teams in the US First Robotics National Competition in Florida.
- ▶ New lacrosse, volleyball, frosh basketball and junior varsity baseball teams were added to the school's sports and intramural programs.
- ▶ Girls' soccer and cross country teams won Colonial Athletic League championships.
- ▶ Student government and school spirit activities increased, including additional dances and expanded fundraising.
- ▶ A National Vocational Technical Honor Society chapter was established at the school.

Technology - Bringing the future into today

The previous school year witnessed tremendous expansion of technology at Valley Tech. The school's five-year technology plan accepted by the Department of Education was hailed as a model for its indepth look at technology's effect on curriculum. The plan provides an overview of Valley Tech's priorities for upgrading computer, Internet and vocational-technical equipment throughout the school.

Parents, technicians and staff turned out on a Saturday in April to help wire the school for Internet access as part of Netday '97, a statewide effort to hook up all Massachusetts schools to the World Wide Web. This will open up a whole new level of research and communication opportunities for students and staff.

The \$750,000 technology bond which was approved by the district will allow for necessary upgrades and expansion of the school's 16 vocational-technical departments in coming years.

"Valley Tech's five-year technology plan provided a wonderful synopsis of the curriculum concentration for each department and should be used as an example for other schools."

Connie Louie
Tech Plan Project Coordinator
Department of Education

Five-Year Technology Plan Highlights:

"If our students are going on to college, or work, or the military; whether its EMC or the local automotive service center, they will be trained in E-mail, the Internet and basic software, in addition to their training with trade related technology."

Bruce Tranter
Valley Tech Technology Coordinator

- ▶ Applied technology center.
- ▶ Local area network (LAN) linking student computers.
- ▶ Fiber optic cable network serving 250 computer stations.
- ▶ E-mail and Internet access for the school community.
- ▶ Expansion of vocational-technical equipment, including state-of-the-art car lifts for auto technology and printing presses for graphic arts departments.

Technology Support and Expansion Initiatives:

- ▶ Formed BVTechNet, a regional group focusing on technology in area schools.
- ▶ Joined Mass Tech Corp, a statewide collaborative of school districts providing technology resources to member schools.
- ▶ Secured computer training for teachers through MassCue.
- ▶ Participated in AT&T's Learning Points promotional initiative to secure new technology.
- ▶ Formed Tech Advisory Committee for advice on purchases and planning.
- ▶ Launched the Business Alliance Program to secure donations.
- ▶ Teamed Worcester Polytechnic Institute students with Valley Tech students and staff in a WPI internship program.

Programs

Valley Tech continues to offer a wide range of quality vocational-technical programs that are competency-based. In the course of over 2,000 hours of training, students are provided with the tools, processes, and challenges to ensure future success in their chosen career paths. The school's mission also includes concern with the overall wellbeing of its student population as future productive members of society. The school's academic based health program was commended by the Department of Education as a model for schools addressing comprehensive health education.

Automotive
Technology

Building and Property
Maintenance

Collision Repair
Technology

Construction
Technology

Culinary Arts/Baking

Drafting

Electrical

Electronic Technology

Graphic Arts

Health Services

Heating, Ventilating
and Air Conditioning

Industrial
Manufacturing and
Welding Technology

Maintenance Repair
Services

Office Technology

Painting and
Decorating

Plumbing

While quality is a constant in all departments, this year produced significant changes in the following three programs brought on by a need to match changes in industry.

Electronics

The Electronics department is building a computer tech curriculum which will teach young people to troubleshoot computer hardware and software. A portion of the program will involve repairing and maintaining computers belonging to other district schools or municipalities. The department's robotics curriculum is now in its third year. During 1997, students competed in a national robotics competition in Florida, improving their performance 50% over the previous year.

IMWT

The Industrial Manufacturing and Welding Technology department has combined its manufacturing and machining programs to better prepare young people for the explosion of work opportunities in this field. Equipment has been upgraded to include CNC lathes, plasma cutting machines and digital readouts on the machining equipment. A pre-apprenticeship component has been added to the department; allowing students to earn a college degree while pursuing their career. Recently, a major new partnership was forged with Natick Labs, teaming IMWT students with environmental scientists.

MRS

The Maintenance and Repair Services program has expanded to include a horticultural component, supported in part by a grant from the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce. Aspects of the program include chemistry, biology, plants and flowers, landscaping, tool use and maintenance, and the importance of community service. A major element of the curriculum involves public service projects, including beautification of local town commons and elder care facilities. A greenhouse is currently under construction on school grounds to further expand the program.

Vocational-Technical Education: A unique way of learning

A unique quality of vocational-technical education is the emphasis placed on forming partnerships with the larger community. These partnerships are integral pieces of a student's education, giving young people access to expertise and equipment necessary for their success after high school.

Cooperative Education

70 qualified seniors participated in the cooperative education program, an initiative that links students with area companies. While in co-op, students alternated between the classroom and the worksite, continuing their academic work while gaining valuable on-the-job training in local business and industry.

"My co-op job has given insight into what the working world is like. I plan to continue working at the same job while I attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute."

Tim Dresser, '97
Co-op employee,
Waters Corporation, Milford

General Advisory Committee

Valley Tech created new partnerships through the General Advisory Committee. The GAC is a group of more than 300 area business and industry representatives who advise the school on program expansion, equipment purchases and curriculum development.

Tech Prep

Valley Tech expanded its Tech Prep program to include 48 courses of study at 16 institutions. This program establishes links with colleges, universities and training centers in order to provide qualified students with the opportunity to earn college credit(s) while still in high school..

"Valley Tech continues to answer the call put forth by all our stakeholders. Parents, students, the legislature, the Department of Education, the business community, and local citizens all have an investment in our school. We continue to ensure a return on that investment."

Jay Hanratty
School Committee Chairman

School to Career Partnership

Valley Tech continued to host and head the 11 school district School to Career Partnership. This regional initiative involves schools, businesses, colleges, community groups and government bodies in bringing more career-based education to local schools. The partnership, now in its second year, has launched a series of pilot programs and initiatives throughout the Blackstone Valley.

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA)

Valley Tech students again represented the school well in district, state and national VICA competition. Students won 28 medals at the district VICA competition. At the state level, 8 medals were earned and a Valley Tech student won the state pin design award in graphic arts. The school's first nation-wide award, a national gold medal in electronics, was earned at the Skills USA Championships in Kansas City, MO.

Community Outreach

Valley Tech continued its tradition of active participation in the larger community, opening its doors to those in our district and looking for ways to improve the economic quality of life in the historic Blackstone Valley.

- ▶ The school hosted a series of state and regional meetings and conferences; including a State Board of Education regular meeting, a Department of Education Technology Seminar for area educators, the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Development meeting, and a political forum to help familiarize district voters with candidates for state legislator.
- ▶ Visiting educators and dignitaries, including then-Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci, Dr. John Silber and Education Commissioner Robert Antonucci, were welcomed.
- ▶ A successful third annual Superintendent's Dinner was held, raising funds for technology.
- ▶ The evening Adult Education program continued, offering trade, practical art and college level courses.
- ▶ An introductory computer class for senior citizens met with much enthusiasm and will be followed by other programs for elders in the region.
- ▶ Summer sports and technology camps continued to meet the need for such activities for area youngsters.

Learning through Service

Each year, students and staff put their vocational-technical skills to use for senior citizens, elementary and middle schools, municipalities and non-profit organizations throughout the district. They help to design, build and beautify throughout the Blackstone Valley. In recent years, Valley Tech has completed nearly \$750,000 worth of community service projects.

Samples of Community Service Projects completed in 1997 in Bellingham:

- Carpentry students built small stools to enable Bellingham kindergarten students to reach drinking fountains and wooden geometric blocks for South Elementary School math classes.
- Drafting students prepared design for "igloo" built by carpentry students at South Elementary School as part of an integration project.

Highlights of 1997 Projects for the Blackstone Valley:

- MRS students constructed two walking path bridges for Blackstone Heritage Corridor.
- Drafting and IMWT students designed and constructed 8-station canoe trailer for Blackstone Heritage Corridor.
- Graphic Arts students printed newsletters for Blackstone Valley Watershed and certificates for Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming.

Funding

The FY97 total operating budget for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District was \$7,208,062. The Net School Spending requirement for the district was \$6,294,848. This sum was funded predominantly through Chapter 70 Aid of \$4,148,768 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the thirteen (13) member towns totalling \$2,126,945.

In the operation portion of the budget - but outside net school spending areas - the district had a budget of \$415,560 for transportation, \$60,081 for the acquisition of fixed assets, and an obligation of \$123,000 for retiree medical coverage. Transportation reimbursement from the state amounted to \$231,297.

In addition to their Minimum Contributions, the member towns supported the school's operating budget with an additional assessment of \$313,708 and assessments of \$145,446 for student transportation, \$60,081 for asset acquisition, and \$123,000 for retiree medical.

The district's debt obligation for FY97 was \$263,067. This was funded by an assessment which was allotted among the member towns in accordance with the District Agreement.

Grants

Valley Tech supplemented its budget by securing local, state and federal grants. The grant monies allowed for quality initiatives at no cost to the district. A total of \$531,573.00 was awarded to Valley Tech in FY97, as follows:

DIRECT GRANT AWARDS:

■ Eisenhower Professional Development	\$ 2,021.00
■ Time and Learning - Education Reform	10,000.00
■ SPED 94-142	66,330.00
■ Health Protection	17,341.00
■ Curriculum Study Groups	4,500.00
■ Title I Distribution	18,951.00
■ PALMS	3,901.00
■ Perkins Occupational Education - Vocational Skills	133,004.00
■ MA Performance Assessment Program	5,000.00
■ Safe and Drug Free Schools	2,972.00
■ Title VI - Library	2,337.00
■ High Schools That Work	20,000.00
■ School to Work	178,614.00
■ Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Project CAREER	2,500.00
■ Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Project ACT	252.00
■ Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce School/Business Partnership	3,850.00

FISCAL AGENT GRANT AWARDS:

■ Connecting Activities Fund (BV Local Partnership)	10,000.00
■ NYNEX EdLink (School to Careers Partnership)	50,000.00

Staff

Valley Tech's success as an innovative and vibrant technical training institution has been fueled by a collaborative work environment which focuses upon the future. Working in an atmosphere of enthusiasm and vision are the following staff members:

1 Superintendent-Director, 1 Assistant Superintendent-Director, 7 Administrators, 42 Vocational Instructors, 27 Academic Teachers, 7 Special Education Teachers, 12 Paraprofessional/Instructional Aides, 1 Adjustment Counselor, 4 Guidance Counselors, 1 School Psychologist, 1 Computer Technology Analyst, 1 Library/Media Specialist, 2 School Nurses, 6 Custodial/Maintenance Personnel, 1 School-year Custodial Assistant, 11 Food Service Personnel, 4 Full-time Secretaries, 4 School-year Clerks, 1 Business Office Specialist, 1 Payroll Officer, 1 Human Resources Specialist and 1 Bookkeeper.

Governance

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District is governed by a 13-member board, with one member representing each community in the district. Each member, elected district-wide, serves a four-year term.

An elected School Council meets periodically throughout the year to discuss issues concerning school operations, including professional development, community awareness, budgetary issues and student life. School Council members are: parents Ann Bryson and Frances Dorr; teachers Joseph Yacino and Susan Hoar; administrator William Mahoney; students Frank Dorr and Matt Hoar; and community member John Gauvin.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay P. Hanratty, Chairman, Millbury
E. Kevin Harvey, Vice-Chairman, Bellingham
Diane M. Paradis, Secretary, Grafton
Matthew C. Krajewski, Blackstone
Charles E. Randor, Douglas
Everett A. Young, Hopedale
John J. Knox, Mendon
Arthur E. Morin, Jr., Milford
Gerald M. Finn, Millville
Edward B. Postma, Northbridge
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton
Robert H. Snow, Upton
James Ebbeling, Uxbridge
Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director

THE ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1997
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
AND
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee conducted its reorganization meeting on May 8, 1997, and chose Ernest H. Pelletier, Jr. to serve a second term as Chairman, Robert W. Lamont, Vice-Chairman, and Betsy A. Cournoyer, as Treasurer. At the November 24, 1997 meeting Mr. Pelletier re-signed as Chairman due to illness. The Committee elected Robert W. Lamont as Chairman and Donald R. Burlingame as Vice-Chairman.

The top priority of the School Committee for 1997 was the maintenance of quality educational programming in the face of the many changes that educational reform is requiring of all communities in the Commonwealth. The School Committee wrestled with this difficult task that presents a need for more financial resources. We are, therefore, pleased to report that innovative and cost effective improvements to our instructional programs for students have continued and a review of our progress will take place in the 1998-1999 school year.

Our High School is going through the process of evaluation for the 1998-1999 school year by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. We are starting the process of building a new senior high school and renovation to the current high school giving our students a middle school for grades 6-8. The voters of Bellingham, in an unprecedented move, unanimously voted to fund \$35,000,000.00 for the construction at the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Steven Roy, of IEC and his family is to be commended for donating \$8,000,000.00 toward the project. The Town will receive 76% reimbursement for the large financial endeavor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert W. Lamont, Chairman
Donald R. Burlingame, Vice-Chairman
Betsy A. Cournoyer, Treasurer
Stephen R. Patrick
Ernest H. Pelletier, Jr.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

I am extremely pleased to present my first annual report to the people of Bellingham on the condition of our school system.

Since beginning on October 1, 1997, my immediate goal was to bring about stability and trust along with fiscal financial responsibility and credibility. Peter Vangel was brought out of retirement to help with this goal. He is a most knowledgeable person in all areas of school operations and school finance. Dr. Francis G. Driscoll, continues to be our coordinator of Curriculum and Staff Development, his skill and knowledge is most valuable. I was officially appointed as Superintendent of the Bellingham School System on December 22, 1997 after serving almost three months as interim Superintendent.

This school year will be devoted to establishing stability and financial responsibility and planning for the future. A five year plan is a must, with annual modifications and adjustments. The five year plan is needed to establish a direction. Most of our principals are relatively new to our school system and to our community. A strong administrative team must be developed to lead our educational community into the many challenges the future will present. A principal for South Elementary School will be selected before the end of our school year. All principals and administrators must demonstrate a strong work ethic. Goals can only be achieved by people who are willing to work together cooperating in a collegial manner, giving of their time and energy to support our school system. All administrators must be committed to improving, enriching, and enhancing their individual areas of responsibility. We are one school system and one town and the spirit of cooperation and devotion to our community must prevail.

I thank the Bellingham School Committee for appointing me Superintendent of Schools. I will devote myself to making our good school system better through a planned systematic process. We will strive to improve our schools in every possible way.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. DiPietro, Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT

The number of students who received services in our schools in 1997 was approximately 2630 students and the average daily attendance for all schools was 96%. This report will provide information about the educational programs and activities that have been conducted for students in all grades during the calendar year of 1997.

ENROLLMENT

As of December 31, 1997, 2635 students were enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 in our schools. This figure represents an increase in enrollment of 96 students. An increase of 17 students occurred at the elementary level, and an increase of 158 students occurred at the secondary level in grades 7 through 12.

ENROLLMENT IN BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ALL GRADES, END OF THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL

1980-81 - 3353	1985-86 - 2596	1990-91 - 2227	1995-96 - 2466
1981-82 - 3265	1986-87 - 2471	1991-92 - 2308	1996-97 - 2574
1982-83 - 3043	1987-88 - 2420	1992-93 - 2261	1997-98 - 2637
1983-84 - 2867	1988-89 - 2300	1993-94 - 2311	
1984-85 - 2746	1989-90 - 2264	1994-95 - 2394	

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORTS

CLARA MACY SCHOOL - Mrs. Donna Johnson - Principal

The Clara Macy School is appropriately named after Miss Clara Macy who was a dedicated and caring teacher in the Bellingham School System for fifty years. We adopt Miss Macy's philosophy that a personalized, caring academic framework promotes the thinking and learning needed for our students to succeed in the 21st century. Our teaching staff shares the vision with the parents and community that all children can learn and succeed and we must provide every student with an opportunity to receive the highest quality of education within a stimulating atmosphere in which to learn, and a nurturing environment in which to grow, with respect for each other and self. We believe that our instruction can be organized so that our students can master the information, concepts, and skills embodied in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

In this effort, during the summer I made plans for a smooth opening of the building by scheduling classes, reorganizing some of the structures in the building, and I took the first steps in attempting to comply with some of the state mandates concerning curriculum and teaming. I attended administrators meetings where curriculum was discussed and plans were made for the 97/98 school year. Along with the other principals I attended a workshop at the Primavera School titled "The Take Charge to Succeed Coaching Program." This workshop focused on improving teaching strategies for children with ADHD. We had only one new hire for the 97/98 school year. Mrs. Karen Phil was hired to replace Ms. Meg Rose, a teacher in grade five.

The building was redied for the 97/98 school year. A number of room changes were made to accommodate a new computer lab. General cleaning of the building both inside and out was completed. The art room received a new tile florr, all univents in the entire building were cleaned, lubricated and new filters were installed. All the exhaust fans on the roof were inspected, if the belts were creacked or broken they were replaced and the motors were lubricated. The loading dock and the rear entry way by room 12

were cleaned with a power washer. The parking lines were painted by Macy's custodians and the lines were measured, chalked and painted. Areas of the building and all the inside trim was painted. The lawns were prepared and mums were planted.

The teachers also had a busy summer as many of them engaged in taking courses, attending workshops, teaching courses or in travel. Mrs. Donahue taught "Tunes and Toots" in the Bellingham Summer Enrichment Program, a series of four Choral Workshops and she traveled to Quebec where she researched some authentic French Canadian Music. Mrs. Harvey studied for the GRE'S and traveled to Williamsburg and Monticello. Mrs. Vendetti completed a course for her graduate work titled, "Children At Risk." Mr. Howarth traveled to Spain. Mrs. Carey presented a workshop, "Put Down Your Pencils" at the MTA Summer Conference at Williams College and she also presented a workshop in Kittery, Maine titled "Kids Make a Difference." Mrs. Carey also traveled to San Fransico, the Glacier National Park in Montana and even spent time in Chicago. Mrs. Cameron De Luca attended the "Partners in Change Conference" at Boston University.

The start of the school year went very well. The school enrollment at Macy was 452. The teachers along with their classrooms were welcoming and readied for their new group of students.

The Open House at Macy was very well attended. The evening commenced with a greeting by the school principal, Mrs. Donna Johnson. Parents were invited to visit the classrooms where they had the opportunity to meet the teachers and discuss with the teachers the curriculum and the expectations of the teachers. The next event was an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Macy PTO. It was a lot of fun and we served over 500 guests. The parents were also encouraged to meet with the teachers to discuss their child's progress. There were two afternoon sessions and one evening session for these conferences. We were pleased to see so many parents.

In order to promote our philosophy that education is based upon the premise that equal education opportunities should be available to all students of varying interests and abilities, the school program is not limited to formal classroom experiences. All activities which involve both individual and group participation contributes to each student's total learning experience. It is important to note that Macy's students are fortunate to receive classes in art, music, Spanish and physical education. Additionally, we have Title I and special education programs available for those students needing special services. Camp Horizon is an on-going program for our sixth grade students. Horizons for Youth is the site of the week long environmental experience. Students learn the valuable skills involved in living and working together in a woodland setting, and applications of classroom science skills to outdoor lessons. Each year Macy holds an Arts Week. Students, staff, and parents spend the week learning about and celebrating the culture of a particular section of the world. Different facets of the visual arts, drama, poetry, crafts, dance and music highlight this event. Physical Education under the leadership of Mr. Howarth offers a "Ropes Course" to all students in grade five. The challenge by choice program is held outdoors and is designed to develop trust, cooperation, and teamwork among students. The fifth graders go to Stoneybrook (a nature trail) in February and June and study the difference between the winter and spring environment. Representatives from Stonybrook make follow-up classroom visits. D.A.R.E. is a program for prevention of substance abuse use among students. This program is available to sixth grade students for a period of 17 weeks. The curriculum presented by Officer Martin includes such topics as how to say not to peers, self-esteem, assertiveness, social influences contributing to the use of drugs, and positive alternatives to drug use. The students will visit Dedham House of Corrections where it is hoped that it will serve as a deterrent to any future substance abuse. Examples of other fieldtrips that are experienced by Macy students are as follows: Sturbridge, The Aquarium, Roger Williams Park, the Bellingham police station, firehouse, town hall, library, Plimoth Plantation and productions such as the Nutcracker. The music program consists of an

instrumental music program and a choral program. The instrumental music program functions as a district wide band. This year their major performance was held at Stall Brook School. The chorus performs in a winter and a spring concert each year. The annual education fair is held during National Education Week. Through these activities and many more we hope to empower our students to fulfill their individual potential while learning the importance of community and the obligations of citizenship.

To further enhance the education of our students, teachers at Macy have been taking advantage of workshops, seminars, college courses and special institutes to keep abreast of the most recent state mandates in curriculum and testing. Since September the list of courses etc. experienced by our staff is impressive. Mrs. Donahue has taken "Choral Techniques", "Setting the State for Learning," and Cleo Galhano: "Recorder, Styles, Pedagogy and Fun." Mrs. Anne Donahue Boddy has taken two courses, "Educational Perspectives," and "Computers in the Classroom." Mrs. Chandler has taken "MCAS Testing," "Title Testing," and "Teaching Reading with TLC." Mrs. Bradbury, Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Graveline have taken "Assessment: Measuring Student Success," "Teacher Fellowship Program," and "Learning Standards in the Classroom." Mrs. Vendetti has participated in "Writing to Learn," "The John Collins Writing Workshops," and the "Math Calculator Workshop"; and she has taken two college courses, "Applying Learning Styles/Instructional Strategies," and "M.L. Theory, Practices, Self Awareness." Mrs. Hogge has taken "Creative Classroom Centers." Mr. Lemon and Mrs. Cameron participated in a workshop titled "Effective Use of the Video Camera in the School Setting." Mrs. Harvey is studying for her GRE'S in order to enter a program for a masters in Spanish. Mrs. Eydenberg and Mrs. Gramaolini have taken a course on African cooking for Arts Week. Mrs. Eydenberg also took a class in "Paper Lithography." Mrs. Mohan and Mrs. Stringfellow have completed a class titled, "Helping Students Write with Greater Skill and Success." Mrs. Attwood has participated in two workshops, "Helping Students Write with Greater Skill and Success" and "Cooking Up A Story." Mrs. Pihl has enrolled in a course titled, "Math For Hard To

Reach Students.” Mrs. Couture participated in a writing workshop in Sturbridge titled, “John Collins Writing Workshop.” Mr. Mohan participated in the “MCAS State Testing Seminar.” Mrs. Hamwey has enrolled in “Strengthening Math Learning in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grade Classrooms,” and Mrs. Osborne has taken a course titled, “National Organization of Legal Problems in Education (current trends in inclusion).” Mrs. Johnson attended the “John Collins Writing Program,” “Assessment and Reform,” “Integrating Curriculum,” and the Principal’s Workshop. With so many of our teachers actively engaged in the pursuit of knowledge, it can only enhance the value of education in the minds of our students.

New programs initiated by Macy teachers as a result of their continuing efforts to be current in educational techniques and strategies are prominent in many of the classrooms. Mrs. Vendetti has incorporated the Graphic Organizers for note taking, SQR3R study guide for text word splash, peer evaluation, rubrics, The John Collins Writing Program and reciprocal teaching. Mrs. Harvey has also been using teacher made rubrics as an assessment tool and as an editing tool. Mrs. Osborne has initiated Program of the Day Flipchart, which is a new resource that she obtained for teaching creative and divergent thinking in math. Mrs. Hamwey has incorporated the new grade level Fire Safety/Prevention guide and materials into her curriculum. Mr. Mohan and Mrs. Penswick have implemented a 5 day K-Program for students with special needs within a regular class. Extension of the Occupational Therapy program within the regular has been implemented to the betterment of all the students. They have also instituted a program for CP students within the regular class. Mrs. Attwood has implemented “Story Telling” and the use of a story apron as a literature lesson and a jumping off point for math/science instruction. Mrs. Couture has had a continuation of the John Collins Writing Program across the curriculum and Mrs. Donahue is implementing techniques in her grade four recorder classes that she learned at the Cleo Galhano workshop. Mrs. Powers, Mrs. Bradbury and Mrs. Graveline continue to incorporate open-ended questions with their classes. Mrs. Mohan and Mrs. Stringfellow have adopted a new math program called calendar math,

“Every Day Counts.” Mrs. Stringfellow and Mrs. Pihl have also adopted “Math A Way of Thinking.” Mrs. Gramolini is now using a program called fast forward which has new strategies dealing with auditory processing therapy. Mrs. Phillips has incorporated the whole language reading program into her curriculum and she is now using portfolio assessments with her students.

Macy has an excellent school climate and it is being further enhanced by a new program called “Shooting for the Stars.” Every time a student in school expresses one of the four values - kindness, cooperation, honesty or respect, the child puts a star with their picture on the wall at the “Rainbow of Values.”

The Title I program has received five new computers. Each 3rd grade class has received a computer from Digital. The wiring and tables for the new lab are in place and the lab is available for teacher and students usage.

We recognize that teachers alone cannot provide for all of these wonderful learning opportunities for our students but depend heavily on the extraordinary efforts of the Macy PTO. The Macy parents assist us by running many important fundraisers, activities for the children and they are even in charge of the Yearbook. As a new comer to Bellingham, I am impressed with their hard work, positive attitudes and willingness to assist in a variety of programs.

The School Council has addressed the problem with the disrepair of Kids World and as a result it will be repaired this spring. When the structure has been properly restored it will be officially turned over to the town. It is hoped that by turning it over to a town department that the structure will be routinely maintained. The School Council is also planning a parent handbook that will be more user friendly.

It is important to note that two of our aides took the opportunity on an afternoon off to go to Flex Con in Spencer. Their trip resulted in obtaining nearly two thousand dollars of free materials that we were able to

share with another elementary school in our district. This is another example of parents and community members working for the benefit of our schools in Bellingham.

As partners with the parents and community in the education of the child, we at Macy pursue the maximum in all student learning. In this effort we provide opportunities to learn skills, working cooperatively and using educational tools and technology. Our students use the higher level thinking processes of analysis, synthesis and evaluation. We recognize the importance of providing for the multiple intelligence's and the many different styles of learning. We strive to instill in our students the desire for the intelligent pursuit of knowledge, the discipline of learning the intrinsic motivation to compete against oneself and that with the satisfaction and joy gained from obtaining new knowledge we will infuse in our students the desire to become lifelong learners.

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Mr. Joseph F. DiPietro, Principal

The 1997-98 school year has improved over the 1996-97 school year because of some staff additions. We are still experiencing severe budget constraints in the area of school supplies and materials. Money for repairs and maintenance is very much needed everywhere in the school system. Receiving one fourth grade teacher has helped our class size at the fourth grade level. In the future it is hoped all grades from Kindergarten to Grade 6 can all have reasonable class sizes. There are still some upper grade rooms that contain more students than should be experienced, our enrollment is increasing and our primary grade class sizes are increasing at a rapid pace. In the future, a full time computer specialist, as well as a full time director of technology, is needed for the school system. Everyone is doing their very best to give each of our children the best possible education. It is a challenge to teach with less materials and larger classes, but most professionals have accepted the challenge and are meeting the needs of our children. South Elementary School has a capacity of six hundred (600) students. At the present time our school enrollment is six hundred and thirty-four (634) students.

Our Superintendent of Schools, Joseph F. DiPietro, is very willing and able to lead us through the difficult challenges of the future. We marked our eighth anniversary of our new elementary school. We moved into the building November 14, 1989. Everyone is still excited and pleased with our new facility, but the time has come to upgrade our school. Eight years of occupancy is showing and some areas need attention.

Open House

On September 17, 1997, we held a special evening for parents that was called "Meet the Teacher Night". We hosted approximately 1,300 parents who seemed to enjoy the evening. A number of favorable comments were received about our programs and teachers. Parents were very supportive of everything they observed and encountered. We received no negative feedback. We also held an open house for American Education Week, November 17th through 21st. We held parental conferences in November to discuss students' progress. An Educational Fair was held the evening of March 25, 1997, displaying projects made by the students. This year's Educational Fair was enjoyed by all who attended. It was another spectacular success, bringing about many favorable comments.

Programs

The instrumental music program consists of 75 fifth grade students and 45 sixth grade students for a total of 120 students. Due to financial constraints we have been forced to reduce the number of students in the program. The instrumental music program is still functioning and a district wide band, comprised of all three schools, holds two concerts each year. The choir performs a winter and a spring concert in our school. We have 85 students utilizing educational themes on Multi-Cultural programs. Students learn more than their music skills through this program.

Math-Their-Way is in its seventh year for kindergarten classes along with grades one and two. Teachers of those grade levels have received inservice training in this new math approach and are further developing

this program. This concept of utilizing manipulatives is being used in many upper grades to increase mathematical reasoning.

A new Language Arts program called 'Won Way', under the direction of Dr. Rose Bradley, has been brought to us through a school grant. Teachers received special inservice training, along with classroom demonstrations, and materials. All primary teachers and specialists at South Elementary School are participating in this outstanding curriculum enhancement project. Since these new programs have been introduced to our school our State Assessment Test scores have risen to the present high level. We are all very proud to see our students doing so very well.

The computer program has also been affected by the budget crunch. Teachers are trying to utilize the computers in the school. Since some teachers have been trained and are experienced with the computers, our computer program will continue in a more limited manner. South School has been able to obtain a number of old computers through many sources for our primary grades. A parent has upgraded some of our older computers at no charge to the school system. Many of our computers have been given a second life. Our new 486 computers have arrived complete computer units for classes of grades 4-6. The PTO also purchased a computer for us, making the total of new computers to the school, 27 computers with the new computer laboratory in the library. These new computers were obtained from the \$300,000 our Town received from the Town Meeting. Last year we had only twelve operational computers, now we have 27 for our students. 'Officer Phil' was presented to students in grades K - 4, sponsored by the Bellingham Fire Department. It is offered to the students of Bellingham to teach them about safety. The Fire Department has also sponsored the "Smoke House" safety program for our students in the past.

Our exciting Science program, which teachers have had maximum input in developing a curriculum that utilizes a hands-on approach supported by text books, is now in full swing. Teacher interest and enthusiasm are an important stimuli to an effective and successful program. The Voyage of the Mimi

program is enhancing our sixth grade science class for those eager to learn. The new Curriculum Frameworks will further enhance the Science Program for the future. We are utilizing the new Scott Foresman Reading program along with the McMillan reading program to enhance our reading program and raise the reading level of students in the primary grades for the future. The McMillan series has a linguistic approach to reading. Their phonetic skills are strengthened thus enabling them to deal with challenging reading materials. This program compliments Dr. Rose Bradley's 'Won Way' program.

The DARE program sponsored by the Bellingham Police Department, is offered for grade six students. The program is under the direction of Sgt. James Haughey. In the spring the police also sponsor a program for grade four and kindergarten. Our present DARE Officer is Officer Lee Rolls.

We have a new safety program called Kids and Company. This national grant-sponsored program will add to our student personal safety skills. We also have a new program called 'The Great Body Shop' that all students are participating in through our new Health Curriculum. This is a kindergarten through grade six program.

Math and Social Studies Curriculum workshops were held during the summer plus during the school year under the direction of Dr. Francis Driscoll. A Social Studies and Math Curriculum has been completed this year, along with exit tests for grades 2, 3, 5, and 6 under the direction of Dr. Driscoll. Teachers at South have had an extensive role in these workshops.

Free Materials

Our school tries to work with all parent and teacher groups in an effort to obtain everything possible for our students. Our school has also had great success in obtaining many free materials and programs. One is "Book-It" reading incentive a program for grades one through six. The purpose of this program is to encourage students to read as many books as possible. The children are rewarded after achieving each specific goal of this multi-level reading experience. We also had a free safety program demonstrated to the

third, fourth and fifth grade classes by Boston Edison, a great deal of Science was also learned from this program. A number of free materials have been received this year on personal safety and drug education, due to the efforts of the PTO. Every effort is made to obtain any free materials. Our school has obtained science booklets from Radio Shack for grades three to six again this year. Many parents have brought in school materials that they have obtained from their employers. This year paper has been received in large quantities due to generous parents as well as six computers for Kindergarten through Grade 3 classes. We welcome these gifts and thank everyone involved in a formal manner. The third grade is receiving a dental hygiene program from a local dentist. We have a fluoride program started by Dr. Driscoll. He also brought us a Hepatitis B vaccine program. These are all free to our students.

Parent/Teacher Organization

The South District PTO officers are to be congratulated for the many activities, they have sponsored through their great leadership. Through active fund raisers they have been able to sponsor many worthy school activities; field trips for all students; cultural events for all students, school equipment, ice cream socials; sixth grade year book; sixth grade parties. The PTO organized a number of science programs that were enjoyed by all grade levels. The Acton Children's Museum was gracious enough to send a representative to the school on five different days to accommodate all of our grade levels. Our gratitude is extended to both the PTO and to the Museum. A PTO parent is helping with arrangements to get us on the Internet.

The tenth annual kindergarten graduation sponsored by the PTO was a major success with standing room only. Parents and grandparents, along with friends of the 'graduates' were excited and pleased with this program. The graduating sixth graders were presented with diplomas and yearbooks. The 6th graders were also awarded special school awards, as well as the National Presidential Scholastic Awards. This

class received the largest number of Presidential Awards of any previous graduating class. We are very proud of them. The students really enjoyed the send off, they will be missed by those they leave behind.

The PTO has acted as an advisor to the principal on many school issues. This is very true of our kindergarten orientation and bus orientation.

Horizons for Youth is a sixth grade camp program that is also sponsored by the PTO. This program is another active organized committee that consists of parents interested in expanding their children's educational experiences through parental leadership working closely with our school.

The PTO has been a great supporter of our programs and has helped enormously in any effort of obtaining supplies, programs and materials for the children of South Elementary School.

PROJECT PRIDE

Project Pride was established to raise funds for our new school. Project Pride leadership is mostly consisting of very active and devoted members of our faculty who are supported by parents and the PTO members. Project Pride officers are to be commended for their outstanding leadership and accomplishments. This year they have supported the overage use of our risograph and copy machines. They also pay for the summer lease agreements. The school will benefit immensely from their generosity.

Self-Esteem And School Climate

Student and faculty birthdays are remembered and school gifts are given. Students are very excited about this self-esteem building program. Most faculty members also enjoy this attention and recognition.

This year we are awarding a "Student of the Week" certificate in recognition of excellence. This is to establish pride in oneself and our school. We have established a "Teacher Surprise" program. Teachers will receive morale builders periodically in their mail boxes.

We have changed our perfect attendance awards to include quarterly certificates rather than an annual award which has increased attendance and raised student pride and self-esteem. Every effort is being made

through periodic classroom visits to encourage students to have pride in themselves, their school and their families. They are encouraged to always do their very best.

South Elementary School Council

In compliance with Educational Reform Laws, South Elementary School is holding a number of School Council meetings during the school year. The council consists of three parents, two teachers and a community (non-parent) member along with the principal for a total of seven members. Teachers and parents are elected for a one, two and three year term to the council. The School Council affords an opportunity for teachers, parents, and a community representative to review the school budget, develop school goals and school improvement plans.

Full Day Kindergarten Committee

The Full Day Kindergarten Committee has been meeting for almost two years. It's goal is to report to the School Committee in 1998 with recommendations. The Full Day Kindergarten Committee will deal with space, programs, and funding to become available in the future for early childhood programs. The School Committee will be presented with a clear view of full day kindergarten programs that are presently operating in other communities. The type of space needed and the staffing requirements will also be shown. All the data will enable the School Committee to plan for the future and to make a decision on the direction it may want to follow.

STALL BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Diane E. Santos, Principal

Mission Statement

The Stall Brook Elementary School is committed to establishing and nurturing an all-inclusive community; one that honors diversity, finds strength in collaborative action and provides a safe and happy place for growth among its members.

School goals encourage our students to become lifelong, independent learners; creators of beauty; effective communicators; critical thinkers and problem solvers; responsible decision makers;

cooperative team members; physically and mentally healthy human beings; well-informed citizens; and responsible inhabitants of the earth. Stall Brook students are held to high standards in reading, writing, speaking standard English, math, science and social science. To these ends the Stall Brook faculty and staff furnish our students, kindergarten to grade six, with a strong academic program, delivered through a variety of instructional strategies and supported by technology.

Teachers and students are looking forward with great excitement to utilizing our new computer lab. In December the district began construction in a section of the school library. The lab will house thirteen computers and allow whole classes of children to utilize technology across the curriculum.

Family support for their children's learning is essential to student success, and communication about our programs is key to their understanding how to do that. Last May, the principal and teachers hosted a Kindergarten Orientation. An overview of the program and helpful suggestions for a smooth transition in September were presented to the families of incoming students. Families and children were also offered the opportunity for brief visits to the kindergarten classrooms over a week-long period. In October, we held our annual "Meet the Teachers Night," which was very well attended by parents and family members, who visited their children's classrooms to hear teacher presentations about the curriculum and goals.

Our students participate in numerous activities that support and enrich the curriculum. Environmental studies are incorporated into the fourth grade curriculum, and all fourth graders can explore the outdoors with weekly nature walks in the one-mile conservation land area behind our school. The children can experiment on water life in the Stall Brook, a tributary of the Charles River.

Fourth graders celebrated Earth Day for two weeks with environmental studies integrated into all subject areas. One special project was the sale of tee-shirts to raise funds for future environmental programs. All children participated in the Science Fair in March. Students' projects were on display in

every classroom for parents to view during an evening open house, and the next day children went from room to room to see everyone's projects. Sixty sixth graders participated in the annual week-long *Horizons for Youth* camp program in May. What a valuable opportunity for the students to extend their learning about the environment in enjoyable, challenging activities!

Throughout the school year, all grades go on field trips to a variety of educational sites that extend the curriculum. It is especially important that children learn about their own community. In the Fall, fifth graders were treated to a "peephole into the past" when they visited historic, revitalized Silver Lake; the agricultural past and present at Lakeview Farms and our heartland of history, the Historical Society. Students experienced the multifaceted mosaic of this special place, Bellingham, and had fun! December brought an opportunity for kindergartners to learn about their community when they visited the Town Hall, Public Library and Fire Department. The sixth graders also visited the Bellingham Public Library to learn all they could about the wonderful resources available to support their learning.

Enormous attention is given to developing the whole child at Stall Brook. We offer superior programs in Spanish, art, choral and instrumental music, physical education, and library activities. The Senior Chorus, composed of fifth and sixth graders, performed the Winter Concert in January, and the third and fourth grade Junior Chorus entertained in May. The Grade 6 All-School Band, composed of student musicians from all three elementary schools, performed one concert in February at Macy and a second at South in June. All the music was written or arranged by the director, and featured an original "secret" piece to demonstrate the student musicians' ability to play music they had never seen before.

A town-wide exhibit at the Bellingham Public Library from June through September provided an opportunity for the entire community to enjoy the wonderful artwork created by our children. To enhance our physical education program, each year fifth and sixth graders participate in team building and physically challenging activities in the R.O.P.E.S. course of the North Attleboro YMCA.

Our school is enriched by connecting with parents, families and the community at large in a variety of cooperative endeavors. The Stall Brook School Council, composed of parents, teachers, community members and the school principal, meets monthly and works collaboratively to identify the educational needs of our students. The Council reviews the school budget and refines the school improvement plan. Efforts have been made to better involve family members in the operation of the Council. The *School Council Newsletter* was created to publish the minutes of all council meetings, and meeting times now alternate between afternoon and evening to accommodate a variety of schedules.

The School Council continues to diligently pursue development of the plan for Stall Brook's capital improvements. Although the school did not receive its entire request, the financial town meeting provided funding to replace our intercom and stage curtains and paint some of the interior. We expect to renew our request for the remaining, very much needed improvements to the building and grounds.

Vital to the success of our students is the support, encouragement and hard work of the Stall Brook PTO. Among its many activities and programs, the PTO conducted the successful "Reading is Fundamental" (RIF) book distribution project and the RIF poster contest. The PTO collaborates with Dean Cooperative Bank to sponsor a school bank, and fundraising efforts help make possible many curriculum trips and cultural events for the children of Stall Brook.

Because Fall fundraising fell short of budget goals, the PTO has been exploring alternative events and activities. Deficits will directly affect funds available for cultural events in the future. However, during the past year numerous cultural programs supported and extended the learning for our children. *Allison and the Blackstone* was one very special event coordinated by the Stall Brook PTO Cultural Committee for all three elementary schools in May. Allison takes a historic journey along the Blackstone River, experiencing American history firsthand in this presentation by Pendragon and

storyteller Marc Levitt. Following the program, the artists, staff, and invited guests were treated to a very "fulfilling" luncheon provided by Stall Brook PTO's room parents.

The PTO's School Improvement Plan Implementation Team (S.I.P.I.T.), a separate committee organized to support the School Council's School Improvement Plan in the area of technology, conducted several fundraising activities. Some events were devoted to family fun. A Valentine Social on an afternoon in February was open to all students and their favorite cuddly toy. It featured door prizes and refreshments, but every child went home with a prize. A wonderful time was had by all who attended the Spring Fair in May. It was open to the public, and offered food, crafts, fun and games.

The school partners with the Forge Hill YMCA to provide Bellingham's elementary children with after-school sports programs. Soccer, street hockey, basketball and tennis are offered in segments throughout the school year. The Bellingham Police Department continued the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program for our sixth graders. A very important part of the anti-drug message was a visit by the students to the Dedham House of Correction, where they learned firsthand that most of the prisoners committed crimes while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The DARE graduation was held in May, where students read winning essays and all students were awarded certificates.

The importance of various kinds of cross-peer experiences is recognized and opportunities are sought after for Stall Brook's children. Upper grade classes "buddy" with students in lower grade classes to work and play together in a variety of educational experiences. In June, in honor of Flag Day, two fifth grade classes and a second grade class, presented a Patriotic Program for the whole school, family members and senior citizens. It was an inspiring musical with singing, dancing and lots of red, white and blue! In the Fall, a number of high school students in the DECA program began serving as tutors and helpers in several Stall Brook classes on a weekly basis. They provide wonderful role modeling for the younger children.

Children aren't the only ones who love to perform. Adult staff members from Macy and Stall Brook collaborated to entertain both schools in a spectacular performance of "*Beauty and the Beast*" in May.

Our school building is utilized almost year round. Stall Brook again hosted the very popular Bellingham Summer Enrichment Program for the town's elementary school students. For one month, children were captivated by offerings in computers, music, dance, art, cooking and gymnastics.

Stall Brook Elementary School is a *community of learners*, promoting responsible risk-taking, critical thinking, problem solving, and active learning. We are a *caring* community, where we honor and respect one another; and working as a team, all members of the school community are dedicated to providing the best educational opportunities for all children at Stall Brook Elementary School.

BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL JR. -- SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Anthony T. Polito, Principal

The year of 1997 saw a number of changes at Bellingham Memorial Jr.-Sr. High School. Due to retirements, transfers, and the untimely death of Mr. Frank Rook, many changes took place in the faculty and staff. A detailed examination of all curriculum in Grades 9-12 was undertaken, while in-services were held in preparation for an evaluation of the effectiveness of the teaching methodology. The entire grading system, honor roll preparation, and ranking process came under review. The program of course offering was inspected to ensure it was in line with the School's Statement of Purpose, the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, and the Presidential Goals 2000 Program. The process of assigning teachers to courses was reviewed to better match teaching styles to student learning styles. A new computer software program was employed to improve the student scheduling process. Students were able to schedule a higher percentage of their electives, and many faculty members with four or more teaching preparations had their preparations reduced. The Athletic and Extracurricular Programs continued to expand and improve under the excellent leadership of dedicated

coaches, advisors and moderators. The excitement builds in anticipation of a new Bellingham High School and the renovation of the Bellingham Middle School. Bellingham High School, and Bellingham Middle School are poised to enter the next century with renewed vigor, determination, pride and commitment.

Physical Plant and School Resources

Over \$80,000 in improvements were made to the physical plant of the Junior-Senior High School. New computers were added to the library, while three new computer labs containing 75 computers were added to the school. Volunteers wired the school during Net Day to provide the connections necessary to have all the computers networked. The gym bleachers were replaced. Repairs were made to some of the older machines in the industrial arts shops. A new OCE copier replaced the copier that had been at the school for 12 years. The new machine was able to reduce the number of hours providing the necessary xerography for teachers. Four new computers were added to the main office and guidance areas. These computers are used, to improve the school management system, and the college research process. Two new computers were added to the Special Education Resource Room.

Faculty

In the fall, the three one-year old positions of department coordinators (Mathematics/Science, Humanities, Allied Arts) were replaced with nine department chairpersons. It marked the first time in many years that the curriculum and teaching staff would have close and direct supervision by someone with an expertise in the appropriate subject area. Some old departments were eliminated and merged into new and more apropos areas befitting Massachusetts Educational Reform. The new departments are: World Languages, Special Education, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Wellness, Technology, Fine Arts and English. The new Chairs were appointed for a two-year term.

Faculty led educational field trips continue at a high level. However, a lack of funding has shifted

more of the cost for the trips and transportation to the students. The Faculty Senate, after a period of confusion as to its role, is again in operation. A Faculty Discipline Committee spent many hours reviewing the Student/Parent Handbook. The School Committee approved those changes at year's end. A group of Junior High teachers applied for and received a grant to retrain teachers to work in the new Middle School. Faculty in all departments were very active in development programs (both in and out of school). These programs will improve their ability to deliver the appropriate curriculum to meet the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Faculty morale remains strong.

Students

Students continue to show a high level of care and concern for each other--one of the strengths of the School. Student leadership continues to be strong, dynamic, positive and effective. Students show a strong concern for property. Student graffiti and vandalism are virtually non-existent. The Principal's Student Advisory group continues to meet with the Principal every other week to discuss issues of mutual concern. Student spirit is high, evidenced by the high attendance at athletic and extracurricular activities. Community service continues to be a high priority for students. At years end the students created a scholarship in the name of David Hanrahan, a Senior who died during the school year.

Parents

Parents continue to be an integral part of the school. They provide the backbone and support for all the school's fundraising activities. They continue to support the Athletic Program with countless hours of work and thousand of dollars. The school remains strong because of its giving parents, who give of their time, their treasure and their concern for quality education. The P.A.C.E. group continues to be active. At years end they published their first newsletter, "BHS Happenings," a detailed review of all school news. The newsletter is published ever other month. The Bellingham Education Foundation provided the funding for all 7th grade students to participate in the Framingham State

Challenger Project. B.E.F. also expanded its Challenger Program with an in-school program exploring Oceanography. The parents continued the annual tradition of "Operation Graduation." This year's theme was a visit to Hollywood.

Administration

Principal Polito is now in his second year in his leadership of the Junior-Senior High School. The School Council has been very active in preparing and assisting in the implementation of the School Improvement Plans that were presented to the School Committee over the last few years. At year's end, they presented a plan to add new graduation requirements in Wellness, Fine Arts and Computer Literacy. The Administration and Department Heads meet two to three times per month to review school issues. The job descriptions of the two Vice-Principals are under review. This is in preparation for the eventual split of the School into a Middle School, and a High School. The Team Leaders for the Middle School are beginning to tackle the plans for the transition of the Junior High (in both curriculum and pedagogy) into a true Middle School.

Accreditation

The School is now two-thirds of the way through its accreditation process. Most accreditation committees have finished their data gathering and are in the process of writing their reports. These reports will be reviewed and approved by the Faculty during the Spring of 1998. The School's Statement of Purpose was approved by the Faculty in January and the School Committee in March. It has now become a working document used to evaluate all aspects of the Junior-Senior High School. Faculty Curriculum Guide work neared completion by the end of 1997. All curriculum and textbooks have been examined. The 1997-98 school year saw many "early release" days dedicated to the task of curriculum writing and accreditation data gathering. Student, parents and community members have been actively involved in this process. Many surveys were completed by the faculty, parents and

students in the process of information gathering.

National Honor Society

In 1997, the National Honor Society raised its standard for acceptance into the organization. The academic average needed to join and retain membership in the Society went from 88 to 90. The National Honor Society also changed its date of induction. Previously, students were inducted in April. In 1997, the induction date was changed to October. Inducted students can maintain membership for four semesters rather than two. This change will enable the Society to provide greater service to the Bellingham community. In 1997, community service projects included: the Walk for Hunger, painting kitchen spoons to raise money for Project Bread and service to the Bellingham Senior Center.

Interscholastic Athletics

Over 60% of the 1000 students at Bellingham Jr.-Sr. High School compete in interscholastic athletics at the varsity, junior-varsity, freshmen or junior high level. With funding from the School District, almost all the junior-varsity athletic programs were restored. The user-fee for athletics was also eliminated. Attendance at athletic events was up in 1997. The new field complex was completed during the year. The fields (football, soccer, field hockey) went into service in September. A baseball field , softball field, and tennis courts will be completed during 1998. The new track facility was completed by year's end. The gym seating was completely replaced by safer, more comfortable bleachers. A summary of the three athletic seasons follows: Winter 97- Ice Hockey, Tri-Valley League Champions, South Sectional Runnerups, Boys Basketball, 6-14, Girls Basketball, 7-9 Spring 97- Baseball, 8-12, Softball, 8-12, Boys Track 3-5, Girls Track 4-4 Fall 97- Football, 4-7, Field Hockey, 15-4 Tournament Quarterfinalist, Volleyball, 16-8, Central Tournament Finalist, Cross-Country, Boys and Girls 2-5

Band

The Music Program continues to be one of the finer programs in Massachusetts. In 1997 a part-time Choral Director position was added to the department. During the winter, five members of the band were selected to perform in the MMEA Central District Music Festival. In May, the Junior High and High School Bands held their annual Spring Pops Concerts. The School Band marched in the Town's Memorial Day Parade. The Band also made their annual contribution to Class Day and Graduation Exercises. During the summer, Band members attended the UMASS-Amherst Summer Camp and Bellingham High's annual Summer Camp. The Fall saw the Band perform at the Town's Pride Day as well as all the home football games. In December, the Junior High and High School Bands performed their annual Holiday Concerts.

School Council

This year's Student Council numbered 72 students. Funds raised by the Council provided scholarships to graduating Seniors. The 1997 recipients were Jennifer Fortin and Jessica GrandPre. The Student Advisory Council to the School Committee has 5 members. Carolyn Clopeck was elected to serve as the Student Representative to the School Committee. Jillian Maillet and Paul Jacques were elected as the Student Advisory Council Members to the Massachusetts Board of Education. Trevor Gasper and Jillian Maillet were elected to take part in the Massachusetts Student Government Day. Activities organized by the Student Council in 1997: Spirit Week, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and the Christmas Toy Drive.

Other Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular highlights for 1997 include: The Literary Magazine, which continues to reflect a "literary" bent on poetry and prose, short stories, opinion columns, interviews, editorials and teacher interviews. The Mock Trial Team had another fine season of competition. They participated in the

1997 State Tournament sponsored by the Massachusetts Bar Association. The Cable Club continued to upgrade its studio and produce various projects for airplay over the School's closed-circuit TV system. In Distributive Education, the DECA students traveled to Los Angeles to compete in the Nationals. Many of the students placed in the top 25 of their categories.

Guidance

Class Day Activities:

The Guidance Department organized and conducted the annual Class Day Exercises. Over 230 students were recognized for their academic achievement during the 1996-97 school year.

Local College Fair:

The Guidance Department in conjunction with other local Guidance Departments in the South Central Guidance Association, assisted in hosting a College Fair held at Holliston High School. Over 200 colleges, technical schools, military and bank representatives were available to speak with students and their parents.

College /Career Planning Activities:

Over 130 college, university, technical schools and armed service representatives visited our school last year. Literature from these visits is stored in the Career Education Room. The annual Financial Aid Information Night was held in December. The Career Awareness Program included varied speakers throughout the year as well as guidance sponsored field trips to schools and/or events.

Bellingham Jr.-Sr. High is an active member of the Tri-County Partnership. The Partnership serves 12 towns in developing a "School to Career" system in cooperation with local businesses and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Peer Leader Program:

The Peer Leader Program is composed of 55 students in grades 9 - 12. The Peer Leader Program

involves students in the following: Some students are involved in our Peer Mediation Program (students helping students to resolve conflicts). Others are involved in Peer Education (students informing students about social or health-related issues) and others serve in the roll as Peer Leaders (students providing academic and tutorial support to students). A few students are involved in all three areas. Students are required to attend monthly meetings, extensive in-service programs and workshops. The following issues were cover last year: Smoking, AIDS, Dating Violence, Gay/Straight Alliances, Diversity, and Sexual Harassment.

Mentor Program:

The Mentor Program is based upon the successful initiative that began in Norwalk, CT in 1986. It is now a model for all Mentor Programs in the United States. Mentors from our school and community, establish one-on-one relationships with students. The mentor visits with their assigned student on a weekly basis. They set goals to improve the student's attitude and desire to achieve and even remain in school. The Program should not be mistaken for a tutorial program. Although we would like to have a mentor for every student in need, only a handful of students will be selected in the pilot phase of the Program.

Other Guidance Programs:

Student Voter Registration is encouraged to promote student participation in civic affairs. The Guidance Department works in coordination with the Town Clerk to register student voters. The D.A.R.E. (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) Program continues in conjunction with the Bellingham Police Department. High School students, once trained, meet with sixth grade students to disseminate information and share experiences. Forty-two students attended the National College Fair at the World Trade Center in Boston. Thirty local Scholarship sponsors were contacted and programs were re-activated and made available to the graduates of the Class of 1997. These sponsors offered

more than \$25,000 in scholarship awards. These recipients were recognized during graduation.

MASS MAJIC is a program that serves students in grades 10-12. It is a testing program to help high school students make more informed choices in their course selections. Students participate in a Prognostic Exam in Algebra II and a Calculus Readiness Test. The objective is to guide students into the most appropriate sequential Mathematics course. The Grade 7 Orientation Program is conducted in the Spring with incoming 6th grade students. The three-hour program is designed specifically for the students in the three elementary schools. Students visit and tour the Junior-Senior High School and meet with the Principal, Vice Principals, Athletic Director, Music Director, School Nurse, Guidance Staff and 7th Grade Teachers. In September, the Department accepted the Internship of a student from Assumption College.

Highlights from Academic Departments

The Wellness Department was created in June. Health, Physical Education, Nutrition, Home Economics and Quest were combined in the new Department. While still in the developing stages, the Department will focus on the quality of life issues faced by students. They will do this by concentrating on increasing student awareness of fitness. During the first year of the Program, CPR, First Aid and self-defense classes were introduced into the curriculum. The Technology Department began anew in 1997. The Department combined Computer Science, Business, Industrial Arts and Distributive Education. A Touch Typing course was created for all 7th grade students. A word-processing course in Microsoft Windows was required of all 8th grade students. A Microsoft Office course was introduced into the High School Curriculum and a full CAD Program was offered to all upper-class students. Microsoft Access and Microsoft PowerPoint will be introduced next year. The Social Studies Department accompanied students to the annual High School History Conferences. These Conferences were sponsored by Upsilon Alpha (Framingham State's Chapter of Phi Alpha

Theta). The conferences give students a chance to broaden their academic experiences. Faculty members have also attended workshops on “open ended questions” to prepare for the mandatory state testing of our students. The Mathematics Department is presently preparing a proposal to the School Committee to increase the Math graduation requirements from two to three credits. Teachers have been experimenting with alternate forms of student assessment, developing open ended questions and bringing more real world applications into their Math classrooms. Four members of the Department attended Summer Institutes conducted by Texas Instruments. They learned how to effectively implement the use graphing calculators in the classroom. The Fine Arts Department saw a large increase in the number of students participating in their programs due to the increase in staffing in the 7th and 8th grade Art area and in Chorus. The World Language Department has been working on its initiative to teach only in the subject language. The Department has also been active in sponsoring interdisciplinary programs with the Social Studies and Fine Arts Departments. The Department also organized its annual Cultural Festival. The Science Department worked actively with the Bellingham Educational Foundation to bring the Challenger Project to all of its 7th grade students. The Department participated in extensive teacher training to prepare for the program. The Department also created an original program in Oceanography to complement the Challenger Project. The Department is now in the process of preparing to include the Jason Project (from Bridgewater State College) into its Junior High Curriculum. At year’s end, the Special Education Department was reviewing its program in preparation to come in line with the Massachusetts Department of Education’s requirement on inclusion. This inclusion involves mainstreaming Special Education students into the regular classroom. Teachers of Senior students in the English Department have been using creative strategies to teach writing. Students write resumes and they also create marketing advertisements for companies and products. Also, English students have attended a number of field

trips to experience drama in a professional setting.

PAUL J. PRIMAVERA CENTER

The Paul J. Primavera Educational Center has expanded programmatic opportunities to at-risk special need students at the junior high level program now services 40 students from Bellingham and 27 students from other cities and towns. The Primavera Center also has started a G.E.D. Individualized Educational Program in the evening. This program utilizes computer software to prepare students for the G.E.D. High School Equivalent Test. It also includes individual and/or family counseling as well as career counsel, training, and/or placement services for students who are eligible for students who are eligible for the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission and/or the Metro-Southwest Employment and Training Program.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Bellingham Public School System has continued to provide services to special needs children, ages 3-21. This year with grant funding, 25 computers and printers were purchased to serve special need students. Plato software was purchased for the computerized Resource Room at the Bellingham Memorial Junior/Senior High School. An Occupational Therapy Sensory Integration Program was started with federal grant money to serve pre-schoolers and elementary students. This is our newest cost-saving program for the Town of Bellingham. Previously, students had to be sent to hospitals charging \$25 1.00 per 40 minute session for such services.

TITLE I

The focus was to continue computerizing our Title I Programs in our tow eligible schools, Macy and Stall Brook. Plans are underway to train the staff in the Wilson Reading Program and explore Reading Recovery for Grades K-2.

FEDERAL AND STATE PROJECT GRANTS

Paul J. Primavera, Coordinator of the federal and state Project grants reported a substantial

increase in funding. Last year we had 10 grants totaling \$622,569.00. This year we had 16 grants \$709,221.00 for the town. This effort was due to the grant coordinator being assisted by Dr. Francis Driscoll, Pam Fuhrman, Jackie Farese, John Bonin and Mary-Jo Jones.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Gail Callahan was appointed Director of Educational Technology for Kindergarten through Grade 12 for the Bellingham School System on July 1, 1997. Mrs. Callahan holds multiple degrees from Suffolk University in Boston, MA and brings 21 years of educational experience to her new position. Mrs. Callahan was appointed to the Department of Education State Technology Advisory Council and the Massachusetts Teacher's Association State Technology Committee.

Mrs. Callahan is guided and assisted by the Technology Committee, a volunteer group of Bellingham's finest computer literature citizens.

In August, high school students were greeted by three brand new computer labs. Two labs have 25 computers and one has 20. Additionally a lab is planned for each elementary school.

Bellingham received 10 Desktop PC's and 1 Alpha 400 System with a value of \$22,935 from Digital via a grant written by Mike Martell of Digital and Mrs. Callahan through the Digital's Corporate Program Grant.

BELLINGHAM SCHOOL PERSONNEL

<u>Position</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cent.</u> <u>Office</u>	<u>Mem.</u> <u>Jr/Sr</u>	<u>Primavera</u> <u>Center</u>	<u>Macy</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Stall</u> <u>Brook</u>
Superintendent	1	1					
Business Administrator	1	1					
Special Education Director	1	1					
Director of Maintenance	1	1					
Director of Curriculum	1	1					
Director of Technology	1	1					
Principal	5		1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Principal	2		2				
School Psychologist	1				.5		.5
Guidance Supervisor	1		1				
Guidance Counselor	3		3				
Adjustment Counselor	2		1		.4		.6
Elementary Teacher	80				24	29	27
Itinerant Teacher	1				.4	.4	.2
Secondary Teacher	60		53	7			
Special Ed Teacher	26		9		4	8	5
Special Ed Coordinator	1	1					
Elem. Spec. Ed. Coordinator	1	1					
Nurses	3		1		1	1	
Teacher Aides	33		5	6	4	7	11
Library Assistant	3				1	1	1
Programmer/Technician	4		1	3			
Secretary/Clerk	13	5	3	1	1	1	2
Bookkeeper	1	1					
Payroll Clerk	1	1					
Substitute Teacher Clerk	1*	1					
Custodians	20	1	6	1	4	4	4
Cafeteria Workers	26		9		6	4	7
TOTALS	294	17	95	19	47.3	56.4	59.3

* Substitute Teacher Clerk works 15 hours weekly during school year taking calls from teachers for substitute replacements.

Federal, State, Grant Funded positions not included in above:

Chapter I - 2 Teachers

2 Special Education Teachers

Early Childhood Program for 3 & 4-year olds, 6 Teachers, 6 Aides and 1 Clerk.

Health Education Coordinator

Title I Parent Aide

BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1996

Grade	Macy	South	Stall Brook	Memorial Jr./Sr.	Primavera Center
K	57	78	82		
1	58	85	64		
2	59	92	79		
3	60	92	79		
4	69	92	63		
5	71	78	67		
6	72	88	57		
7				196	4
8				197	11
9				161	19
10				142	10
11				138	8
12				136	4
Sped.Ed.		28	21	6	15
Totals	446	633	512	976	71

Grand Total 2638

BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC BUDGET SUMMARY

					1997				
	No. of	Coaches	Equip	Game	Home	Trans	Gate		Student
	Partic.	Salaries	ment	Offic.	Pers.	Porta.	Receipts	Total	Cost
Football, Varsity	65	4,783	3,000	2,300	1,550	2,630	7,580	21,843	385*
Football, Asst's (4)	--	10,794	--	--	--	--	--	10,794	
Soccer, B. Varsity	18	3,242	1,000	1,358	300	1,506	240	7,646	432*
Soccer, B. JV	15	2,056	--	--	--	--	--	2,056	
Soccer, Girls	30	3,242	1,000	918	--	780	797	6,737	198*
Cross Country	25	2,227	250	171	--	568	--	3,216	128
Volleyball, V.	15	2,365	1,200	1,474	--	1,325	1,460	7,824	275*
Volleyball, J.V.	15	1,894	--	--	--	--	--	1,894	
Field Hockey, V.	22	2,762	1,800	2,054	--	2,000	1,967	10,583	234*
Field Hockey, J.V.	24	2,141	--	--	--	--	--	2,141	
Basketball, Boys V.	14	4,165	1,500	2,138	1,750	2,844	3,679	16,076	519*
Basketball, Boys JV.	14	2,318	--	--	--	--	--	2,138	
Basketball, Girls V.	14	4,165	1,500	2,324	615	2,215	1,906	8,560	320*
Basketball, Girls J.V.	14	2,318	--	--	--	--	--	2,318	
Ice Hockey, Varsity	20	3,690	8,000	922	2,000	1,751	2,069	18,432	818
Indoor Track, B & G	50	2,414	500	808	--	1,515	--	5,237	137
Indoor Track, Asst.		1,661	--	--	--	--	--	1,661	
Baseball, Varsity	17	3,379	750	1,952	--	1,544	--	7,625	574
Baseball, J.V.		2,129	--	--	--	--	--	2,129	
Softball, Varsity	15	3,379	750	1,560	--	1,267	--	6,956	605
Track, Boys	35	2,647	500	200	500	900	--	4,747	135
Track, Girls	30	2,647	500	200	400	900	--	4,647	155
Cheerleaders	14	1,255	700	--	--	--	--	1,955	140
Cheerleaders	20	1,218	--	--	--	--	--	1,218	61
<u>Total</u>	486	80,020	24,950	18,379	7,115	21,745	19,698	167,562	

(* minus gate receipts)

Subtotal	167,562
Administration	6,395
General Account	1,500 (TVL Dues)
Insurance	5,000
Reconditioning	3,000
First Aid/Tng Supplies	2,000
<u>Total</u>	185,457
Gate Receipts	-19,698
Revolving Fund Sup.	- 4,607
<u>Total Funded</u>	161,152

Federal and State Project Grants Summary as of December 31, 1997

TITLE I FUNDS

Title I Project Encouragement	\$126,539.00
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SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANTS

SPED Curriculum Access	\$11,804.00
Project Assist P.L. 142	\$227,610.00
Early Childhood Project (SPED)	\$27,930.00

CURRICULUM MATHEMATICS 7 SCIENCE GRANTS

Dwight D. Eisenhower K - 12 Grant	\$6,499.00
PALMS Professional Development Grant	\$2,124.00
Goals 2000 Grant	\$9,051.00

CHAPTER 188 GRANTS

Early Childhood Project	\$52,000.00
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DRUG FREE SCHOOLS

K-12 Programs	\$11,900.00
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MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Curriculum Study Group Grant	\$7,919.00
Title VI Distribution	\$5,622.00
Health Protection Grant	\$57,176.00
Dropout Grant	\$7,850.00
After-School Grant	\$24,435.00
Teen Dating Violence	\$8,122.00
FY98 Foundation Reserve Program	\$45,000.00
Education Tech Matching Grant	\$77,640.00

Total Grant Moneys:	\$709,221.00
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EXPENDITURES JULY 1996 TO JUNE 1997

School Committee Expenses	31,566.06
Superintendent and Secretary's Salaries	113,224.92
Superintendent's Supplies, Dues, Conferences and Travel	10,772.96
Bus. Manager, Clerical & Programmer Salaries	134,764.20
Bus. Mgr. Supplies, Dues, Conferences and Travel	58,629.44
Advertising and Postage	11,961.81
Director Of Sped. and Clerical Salaries	139,890.88
SPED Supervisor Supplies, Conferences and Travel	1,130.28
Principals and Clerical Salaries	614,803.27
Principals Supplies, Conferences, Commencement and Travel	29,305.68
Teachers, Aides, Substitutes & Tutors Salaries	7,165,752.94
Contracted Educational Services	2,160.88
Field Trips & Athletic Transportation	24,053.70
School Supplies	90,852.01
Teacher Travel, Conferences Fees & Dues	8,352.07
Professional Development	83,520.94
Instructional Equipment	3,127.25
Textbooks	41,219.73
Instructional Hardware & Software	8,235.47
Librarian and Assistants Salaries	92,002.78
Library Supplies	8,273.68
Audio Visual Director and Supplies	4,724.54
Guidance and Clerical Salaries	182,166.02
Guidance Supplies and Expenses	2,447.75
Psychologists' Salaries	103,898.00
Psychologists' Supplies, Travel and Medical	70,711.80
Safety Officer's Supplies	-
Physician and Nurses' Salaries	83,602.34
Health Supplies, Travel and Expenses	2,385.17
Athletic Salaries	73,102.00
Athletic Supplies, Insurance	33,782.73
Class Advisor Salaries and Supplies	12,860.00
Custodian Salaries	628,752.38
Custodian Supplies	28,025.90
Fuel	147,613.74
Telephone	45,250.61
Electricity	192,031.77
General Maintenance	190,808.46
Rentals & Leases	28,098.25
Summer Recreation Program	-
Capital Acquisition of Technology	39,000.00
Capital Acquisition of Equipment	19,500.00
Long Term Debt Interest	4,057.63
Special Education Tuition	421,310.05
Vocational Education Tuitions	27,269.91
Bilingual Education	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 95 - 96 SCHOOL YEAR	11,015,000.00
Regular Transportation	538,838.00
SPED Transportation	301,664.35
Vocational Transportation	16,425.00
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION FOR 95-96 SCHOOL YEAR	856,927.35

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TOWN OF
BELLINGHAM
1998

IN MEMORIAM



**JEAN C. BARROWS
1929-1998
BELLINGHAM SEWER COMMISSION**



**DINO GAUDINI
1928-1998
HIGHWAY DEPT. EMPLOYEE FOR 13 YEARS**



**HERBERT P. NUTTING
1907-1998
FORMER TOWN MODERATOR**

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in the
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

1998 ELECTED OFFICIALS

SELECTMEN

Guy A. Fleurette, Chairman
John E. Tuttle, Jr., V.CH. (Resigned Dec. 21, 1998)
Jerald A. Mayhew
Roger H. Oakley
Ann L. Odabashian

TOWN CLERK

Kathleen M. Harvey

MODERATOR

Nicholas Winter

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Robert W. Lamont, Chairman
Donald R. Burlingame, Vice Chairman
Edward F. Featherston
Stephen R. Patrick
Paulette R. Zazza

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

E. Kevin Harvey

PLANNING BOARD

William M. Wozniak, Chairman
Richard V. Dill, Vice Chairman
Paul Chupa
Edward T. Moore
Anne M. Morse
Steven D. Choiniere, *Associate Member*

CONSTABLES

Robert J. Badzmierowski
Paul Chupa
Norman L. McLinden
William A. Spear, Jr.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Joanne K. McAneny, Chairperson
Maryclare Burke, Vice Chairperson
Lea Kraus
Linda G. Lord
Edward A. Migneault

1998 ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS (con't)

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Arthur J. Mitchell, Jr., Chairman
Billiegene A. Lavallee, Vice Chairperson*
Edward A. Armstrong Theresa C. Asselin
William F. O'Connell, Jr. * State Appointee

1998 APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Denis C. Fraine

TOWN COUNSEL

Lee G. Ambler

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Marilyn A. Mathieu

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

Grace L. Devitt

CHIEF OF POLICE

Richard B. Boucher

FIRE CHIEF - FOREST FIRE CHIEF

Richard F. Ranieri

D.P.W. DIRECTOR

Donald F. DiMartino

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

Laura Einstadter

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HOUSING AUTHORITY

Janice Forget

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Lee A. Fleurette

Anthony D. Mazzola
Chris E. Milot

Cynthia A. Souza
Alfio C. Taddeo

BELLINGHAM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Andre N. Genereux, Director

BOARD OF HEALTH

Vincent A. Forte, Jr., Chairman
Jeanne M. Deffley, V.CH. (Resigned Dec. 14, 1998)
Walter J. DePaolo

AGENT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH (Burial Permits)

Francis E. Cartier
Leslie A. Cartier, Assistant

HEALTH AGENT

Michael Graf
Earl J. Vater, Assistant

TOBACCO AGENT – BOARD OF HEALTH

Susan B. Kelly

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Gordon D. Curtis, Chairman
Norman J. Berry
Kathleen M. Harvey
Bruce W. Lord

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Ernest S. Torricelli, Chairman
Douglas J. Maclachlan, Vice Chairman
Sharon M. Bryant
Henri J. Masson
Beth C. Smith

CEMETERY COMMITTEE & SEXTONS

Russell H. Chase
William A. Spear, Jr.

CIVIL DEFENSE AUXILIARY POLICE

Eugene F. Bartlett, Chief

James Eames, Dep. Chief	Earl J. Vater, Captain
G. Steven Schreffler, Lieut.	John Kauker, IV, Sgt.
Ronald F. Mason, Sgt.	Joseph Matkowski, Jr., Sgt.

Auxiliary Patrolmen

Mark W. Duquette	Jason E. Boiteau
Kenneth W. Jones	Thomas A. Keirstead
John Fowler	Frederick Savoie, Jr.
Harry G. Schreffler, III	David A. Moll
Joseph Kauker	Leo L. Gill
Dana V. Lovejoy	Mark Fegan

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Clifford A. Matthews, Chairman

George C. Holmes, Vice Chairman

Guy J. Desaulniers

Stephen W. Racicot

John A. Kucich

James E. Reger

Anne A. Matthews

COUNCIL FOR THE AGING

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Raymond A. Boutiette, Vice Chairman

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John W. Fisher

William W. Monteiro

Norman V. Gibeault

Mary Peluso

Mildred F. Gorman

Laurette A. Plouffe

J. Eleanor Lawless

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Nancy L. Wildes, Chairperson

Muriel L. Henault-Locklin, Vice Chairperson

Richard R. Bileau

Myrna F. Simonson

Rolande F. Gentes

Kenneth J. Wildes, Sr.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Beth C. Smith, Chairperson

James D. Caddick, Vice Chairman

Sharon M. Bryant

Gary E. Maynard

Carla J. Doyle

Marianne E. Rose

Henri J. Masson

HIGH SCHOOL-MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Craig W. Dennis, Chairman

Diane R. Willoughby, Vice Chairperson

Stephen J. Dikun

Michael J. Dykens

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Kathleen A. Johnson

Richard E. Latraverse

Robert W. Lamont

Lynda V. Martell

William T. Spont

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Joseph S. Vogel

Ernest S. Torricelli

Robert P. Donahue

Ex-Officio Members

Joseph F. DiPietro

Robert Rousseau

Peter Vangel

Anthony Polito

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Ernest A. Taft, Chairman

Elizabeth T. Andrews

Florence M. McCracken

Marcia A. Crooks

Mary E. Nicholson

Muriel L. Henault-Locklin

Katherine M. Smith

HOUSE NUMBERER

Charlotte A. Mangano

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Gordon S. Swanson, Chairman

Kenneth J. Langley

Roland R. Laprade

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

Grace L. Devitt

Denis C. Fraine

Ann L. Odabashian

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Stuart LeClair

Earl J. Vater, Assistant

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS

Paul B. St. George

Frederick J. Capozzoli, Assistant

Roger E. Gaboury, Assistant

INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Henry L. Boucher

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Florent Levesque

Richard D. Marcoux, Assistant

Eugene F. Reckert, Assistant

INSURANCE COMMISSION

Grace L. Devitt

Denis C. Fraine

MBTA FEASIBILITY STUDY

Ronald E. Baron

Robert E. Hayes

Guy A. Fleurette

Sue B. MacLeod

Lloyd W. Goodnow, Jr.

William F. O'Connell

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS' DAY COMMITTEE

Allen M. Doherty, Chairman

Denis A. Auger

Marcel R. Crepeau

Allen G. Crawford

Marilynn L. Pareseau

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Denis C. Fraine

PARKS COMMISSION

William L. Roberts, Chairman
Robert P. Bartlett, Vice Chairman
Donald L. Floyd

PERSONNEL BOARD

Cynthia L. Glose, Chairperson
Monice J. Trottier, Vice Chairperson
Robert J. Badzmierowski Gail J. Dehmer

PRECINCT WARDENS & DEPUTY WARDENS

<i>Wardens</i>		<i>Political Party</i>	<i>Deputy Wardens</i>	
Alice H. Bissonnette	P-1	DEMOCRAT	Rachel L. Stratman	P-1
Joanne K. McAneny	P-2	REPUBLICAN	Emanuel F. Coder	P-2
Kenneth A. Bogan	P-3	DEMOCRAT	Florence M. McCracken	P-3
Theresa J. Marini	P-4	DEMOCRAT	Harland A. Bergeron	P-4
J. Eugene Corriveau	P-5	REPUBLICAN	Joanne Arcand	P-5

TAX ASSESSORS

Pierrette M. Corriveau, CH. (Resigned 11/30/98)
Mary Ellen Hutchins
George C. Noble

TOWN COMMON TRUSTEES

G. Steven Schreffler, Chairman
Theodore C. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Joanne Arcand
William J. Bussey
Keven M. Milan

TOWN MEETING TELLERS

Susan A. Manor, Head Teller

Alice H. Bissonnette	Brenda L. Bussey
Valerie J. DeAngelis	Gail J. Dehmer
Mary S. Halloran	Linda G. Lord
Grace M. Mazzola	Joanne K. McAneny
Sheila L. Parker	Patricia A. Rotatori
Debra K. Sacco	Marcia J. Swenson
Elaine E. Szamreta	Christine A. Larocque

VETERANS' AGENT AND DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Anthony D. Mazzola

VETERANS' GRAVE AGENT

Russell H. Chase

WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Donald F. DiMartino, Chairman

John J. Angelini	Debra A. Bingham
James D. Caddick	Jacqueline D. Chappel
Joseph E. Corriveau, Jr.	John A. Costantino
Walter J. DePaolo	Guy J. Desaulniers
Steven J. Landry	Jerald A. Mayhew
Roger H. Oakley	Ronald L. Picard
Todd B. Sells	Ronald A. Swidrak

WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT

Nancy A. Bailey

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Arturo G. Paturzo, Vice Chairman

Robert J. Andrews

Morton J. BenMaor

John S. Sikonski

Alternate Members

William J. Hermistone

Jeffrey Scornavacca

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Florence M. MacLaughlin

ASSISTANT TOWN COLLECTOR

Barbara J. Gallagher

ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

M. Kathleen Rooney

ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Nancy A. Bailey

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jacqueline A. Bokoski

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO D.P.W. DIRECTOR

Claire M. Fontaine

SECRETARY TO TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Catherine F. Creasia

CLERK TO INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Charlotte A. Mangano

CLERK TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Anne A. Matthews

CLERK TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brenda L. Bussey

CLERK TO PERSONNEL BOARD

Monice J. Trottier

CLERK TO PLANNING BOARD

Jill A. Karakeian

CLERK TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ann Goulet

CLERK TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Debra K. Sacco

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICIAL POPULATION STATISTICS

<u>CENSUS DATE</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
May 25, 1765	468
March 29, 1776	627
January 1, 1978	14,619
January 1, 1979	14,692
January 1, 1980	14,476
January 1, 1981	14,339
January 1, 1982	14,209
January 1, 1983	14,098
January 1, 1984	14,107
January 1, 1985	13,981
January 1, 1986	13,911
January 1, 1987	14,001
January 1, 1988	14,140
January 1, 1989	14,404
January 1, 1990	14,375
January 1, 1991	14,319
January 1, 1992	14,187
January 1, 1993	14,275
January 1, 1994	14,217
January 1, 1995	14,251
January 1, 1996	14,525
January 1, 1997	14,590
January 1, 1998	14,686

OFFICIAL FEDERAL POPULATION STATISTICS

<u>CENSUS DATE</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
August 1, 1790	735
August 1, 1800	704
August 1, 1810	766
August 1, 1820	1,034
June 1, 1830	1,102
June 1, 1840	1,055
June 1, 1850	1,281
June 1, 1860	1,313
June 1, 1870	1,282
June 1, 1880	1,223
June 1, 1890	1,334
June 1, 1900	1,682
April 15, 1910	1,696
January 1, 1920	2,102
April 1, 1930	3,189
April 1, 1940	2,979
April 1, 1950	4,100
April 1, 1960	6,774
April 1, 1970	13,967
April 1, 1980	14,300
April 1, 1990	14,877

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
of
FEBRUARY 4, 1998
at 7:30 PM

**ARTICLE 1. MAPLE STREET, SOUTH MAPLE STREET AND MECHANIC STREET
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund sewer extensions on Maple Street and additional work associated with the Maple Street, South Maple Street and Mechanic Street intersection improvements which were authorized by Article 8 of the Fall Special Town Meeting of October 8, 1997, and to determine how said sum will be raised, whether by borrowing, taxation or by transfer from various sources; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

By: Board of Selectmen

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town appropriate \$34,000.00 to fund sewer extensions on Maple Street and additional work associated with the Maple Street, South Maple Street and Mechanic Street intersection improvements which were authorized by Article 8 of the Fall Special Town Meeting of October 8, 1997, Said funds to be raised by transfer from the Annual Town Meeting of May 27, 1987, Article 15, Phase II Sewer Project.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 2. WRENTHAM MANOR SEWER EXTENSION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to waive the privilege fee associated with the Wrentham Manor Sewer Extension project, said waiver to be subject to the Town's approval of the engineering and construction plans associated therewith; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

By: Board of Selectmen

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to waive the privilege fee associated with the Wrentham Manor Sewer Extension Project, said waiver to be subject to the Board's approval of the engineering and construction plans associated therewith.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 3. FIELD HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a field house on Town owned property located off Blackstone Street in conjunction with the new senior high school. said construction to include the cost of original furnishings and equipment, engineering and architectural fees, inspection fees, contingencies and related facilities incidental thereto and necessary therewith. Said sum to be spent by and under direction of the School Building Committee, that any maturities of an issue of bonds or notes authorized hereby may, to the extent permitted by law be arranged so that the amounts of principal and interest combined for several years shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the opinion of the Chief Financial Officer or in accordance with a schedule providing a more rapid amortization of principal that the Town vote to authorize the School Building Committee to file applications to include the cost of said field house with the grant or grants to be used to defray all or any part of the cost of said field house construction, and that the Town vote to authorize the School Building Committee to enter into all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article, further, to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the

Board of Selectmen, will be authorized to issue bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, as amended, or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

By: School Building Committee

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Laws Section 4.07.130 voted by Hand Count:

Yes - 226, No - 112, TOTAL 338
9/10 of 338 being 304; Motion to waive secret ballot failed.

VOTED: By Secret Ballot:

Yes - 229, No - 136, TOTAL 365
2/3 of 365 being 244; Motion failed.

ARTICLE 4. UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the payment of certain unpaid bills; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

By: Finance Committee

VOTED: Passed over.

Warrant dissolved at 8:50 PM.

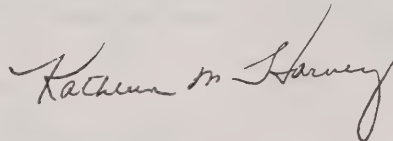
Attendance:

P - 1	P - 2	P - 3	P - 4	P - 5	TOTAL
70	72	73	85	75	375

No quorum required.

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

of

MARCH 4, 1998

At 7:30 PM

ARTICLE 1. FIELD HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a field house on Town owned property located off Blackstone Street in conjunction with the new senior high school. said construction to include the cost of original furnishings and equipment, engineering and architectural fees, inspection fees, contingencies and related facilities incidental thereto and necessary therewith. Said sum to be spent by and under direction of the School Building Committee, that any maturities of an issue of bonds or notes authorized hereby may, to the extent permitted by law be arranged so that the amounts of principal and interest combined for several years shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the opinion of the Chief Financial Officer or in accordance with a schedule providing a more rapid amortization of principal that the Town vote to authorize the School Building Committee to file applications to include the cost of said field house with the grant or grants to be used to defray all or any part of the cost of said field house construction, and that the Town vote to authorize the School Building Committee to enter into all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Article, further, to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, will be authorized to issue bonds or serial notes under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, as amended, or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

By: Petitioner

VOTED: By Secret Ballot.

Yes – 718; No – 368; Total Votes Cast – 1086

75% of 1086 being 815, **Motion Failed.**

ATTENDANCE:

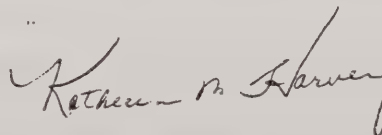
P – 1	P – 2	P – 3	P – 4	P – 5	TOTAL
212	237	198	274	200	1,121

Warrant dissolved at 10:10 PM.

No Quorum Required.

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Bellingham
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Town Elections to meet at:

Stall Brook School in Precinct #1 ; Clara Macy School in Precinct #2;
Bellingham Public Library in Precinct #3 and the Assumption Parish Hall
In Precinct #4 and #5 in said Bellingham on:

**TUESDAY, the FIFTH DAY of MAY, 1998
Polls will Open at 7AM and Close at 8 PM**

To cast their vote for the following:

One Selectman	For a term of three years
One Town Clerk	For a term of three years
One Moderator	For a term of three years
Four Constables	For a term of three years
Two Library Trustees	For a term of three years
Two Planning Board Members	For a term of three years
Two School Committee Members	For a term of three years
One Housing Authority Member	For a term of five years
One Housing Authority Member	For a term of three years
One Housing Authority Member	For a term of two years

And also to cast their votes on the following questions:

QUESTION # 1

Shall the Town of Bellingham accept the following provisions of Massachusetts General Law?

- A. *Chapter 32B, Section 9A which states: "Shall the Town pay ½ the premium cost payable by a retired employee for group life insurance and for group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance?"*
- B. *Chapter 32B, Section 9D which states: "Shall the Town pay ½ of the premium cost payable by the surviving spouse of an employee or retired employee for group general, or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental or other health insurance?"*
- C. *Chapter 32B, Section 18 which states "Shall the Town require that all retirees, their spouses and dependents who are enrolled in Medicare, Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage thereunder at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, be required to enroll in a Medicare Health Benefits Supplement Plan offered by the Town?"*

YES _____ NO _____

NONBINDING REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

QUESTION #2

Upon entering a restaurant, would you like to have signs indicating that the establishment allows smoking, therefore allowing patrons to decide whether or not to enter?

YES _____ NO _____

QUESTION #3

Should the Board of Health prohibit smoking in Bellingham restaurants, with the exception of allowing smoking in a separately enclosed and separately ventilated room?

YES _____ NO _____

and you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each precinct of said Town fourteen days, at least, before the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixth day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Eight.

Jerald A. Mayhew, Chairman
Ann L. Odabashian, Vice Chairperson
John E. Tuttle, Jr.

Guy A. Fleurette
Roger H. Oakley
SELECTMAN OF BELLINGHAM

Norfolk, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same in at least one public place in each precinct of the town, in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Date Posted: April 10, 1998

Paul Chupa
Constable of Bellingham

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

(*) Denotes Elected

May 5, 1998

% of
Votes

OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Total	Cast
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SELECTMEN (3 years)

ONE to be elected

* JERALD A. MAYHEW	186	205	210	314	376	1,291	72%
All others	9	16	6	7	12	50	3%
BLANKS	85	84	64	105	117	455	25%
TOTAL	280	305	280	426	505	1,796	

TOWN CLERK (3 years)

ONE to be elected

* KATHLEEN M. HARVEY	224	259	246	362	427	1,518	85%
All Others	1	2	0	4	3	10	1%
BLANKS	55	44	34	60	75	268	15%
TOTAL	280	305	280	426	505	1,796	

MODERATOR (3 years)

ONE to be elected

* NICHOLAS WINTER	196	232	214	311	366	1,319	73%
All Others	2	4	0	4	8	18	1%
BLANKS	82	69	66	111	131	459	26%
TOTAL	280	305	280	426	505	1,796	

CONSTABLE (3 years)

FOUR to be elected

* ROBERT J. BADZMIEROWSKI	178	174	152	210	251	965	54%
* PAUL CHUPA	139	154	183	266	323	1,065	59%
* NORMAN L. McLINDEN	151	174	185	263	360	1,133	63%
* WILLIAM A. SPEAR, JR.	148	157	161	218	305	989	55%
DONALD E. WOZNAK	121	149	118	163	220	771	43%
All Others	0	4	0	5	6	15	1%
BLANKS	383	408	321	579	555	2,246	125%
TOTAL	1,120	1,220	1,120	1,704	2,020	7,184	

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3 years)

TWO to be elected

* LEA KRAUS	191	212	198	279	338	1,218	68%
* FRANCIS R. NEWTON	179	218	199	281	341	1,218	68%
All others	0	0	0	1	4	5	0%
BLANKS	190	180	163	291	327	1,151	64%
TOTAL	560	610	560	852	1,010	3,592	

PLANNING BOARD (3 years)

TWO to be elected

* WILLIAM M. WOZNAK	145	169	159	219	305	997	56%
* RICHARD V. DILL	124	116	136	176	190	742	41%
DEAN A. STROUT	98	133	102	165	196	694	39%
All others	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	193	191	163	292	319	1,158	64%
TOTAL	560	610	560	852	1,010	3,592	

OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Total	Cast
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 years)							
<i>TWO to be elected</i>							
* EDWARD F. FEATHERSTON	178	208	184	231	293	1,094	61%
WALTER A. LEWIS	123	137	114	152	156	682	38%
JACK MARSHALL	63	48	63	89	95	358	20%
* PAULETTE R. ZAZZA	100	128	122	240	315	905	50%
All others	1	2	2	2	1	8	0%
BLANKS	95	87	75	138	150	545	30%
TOTAL	560	610	560	852	1,010	3,592	

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 years)							
<i>ONE to be elected</i>							
* WILLIAM F. O'CONNELL, JR.	178	216	193	293	358	1,238	69%
All Others	1	1	1	4	4	11	1%
BLANKS	101	88	86	129	143	547	30%
TOTAL	280	305	280	426	505	1,796	

HOUSING AUTHORITY (3 years)							
<i>ONE to be elected</i>							
* THERESA C. ASSELIN	174	211	185	272	359	1,201	67%
All Others	1	2	1	3	2	9	1%
BLANKS	105	92	94	151	144	586	33%
TOTAL	280	305	280	426	505	1,796	

HOUSING AUTHORITY (2 years)							
<i>ONE to be elected</i>							
* EDWARD A. ARMSTRONG	172	213	202	290	365	1,242	69%
All Others	1	3	1	4	3	12	1%
BLANKS	107	89	77	132	137	542	30%
TOTAL	280	305	280	426	505	1,796	

QUESTION # 1							
* YES	132	150	156	219	208	865	48%
NO	118	123	107	174	246	768	43%
Blanks	30	32	17	33	51	163	9%
TOTAL	280	305	280	426	505	1,796	

QUESTION # 2							
* YES	210	243	222	304	366	1,345	75%
NO	46	49	51	83	94	323	18%
Blanks	24	13	7	39	45	128	7%
TOTAL	280	305	280	426	505	1,796	

QUESTION # 3							
* YES	180	179	166	264	309	1,098	61%
NO	86	115	107	137	153	598	33%
Blanks	14	11	7	25	43	100	6%
TOTAL	280	305	280	426	505	1,796	

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

	<u>P-1</u>	<u>P-2</u>	<u>P-3</u>	<u>P-4</u>	<u>P-5</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registered voters by Pre.	1,620	1,695	1,634	1,732	1,707	8,388
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Votes cast by Precinct	280	305	280	426	505	1,796
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% of Votes cast by Precin.	17.3%	18.0%	17.1%	24.6%	29.6%	21.4%

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING of May 27, 1998 at 7:30 PM

ARTICLE 1. OPERATING EXPENSES AND SALARIES

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the various Town Departments for the period commencing July 1, 1998 thorough June 30, 1999.

VOTED: Monies to be raised by taxation unless otherwise noted.

ITEM

114	MODERATOR	Elected Salaries	430.00
		Expenses	75.00
122	BOARD OF SELECTMEN	Elected Salaries	6,000.00
		Salaries	34,040.00
		Expenses	40,701.00
123	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	Salaries	98,307.00
		Expenses	6,300.00
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	Salaries	2,400.00
		Expenses	2,675.00
132	RESERVE FUND	Expenses	150,000.00
135	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Salaries	107,775.00
		Expenses	24,400.00
137	TAX ASSESSORS	Appointed Salaries	3,800.00
		Salaries	105,772.00
		Expenses	26,100.00
138	TOWN TREASURER	Salaries	59,250.00
		Expenses	36,475.00
139	TOWN COLLECTOR	Salaries	109,045.00
		Expenses	61,851.00
151	TOWN COUNSEL	Salaries	0.00
		Expenses	46,500.00
152	PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT	Salaries	1,680.00
		Expenses	310.00
154	MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS	Salaries	31,125.00
		Expenses	40,500.00
		Capital Outlay	100,000.00
161	TOWN CLERK	Elected Salaries	41,263.00
		Salaries	26,351.00
		Expenses	3,600.00

162	ELECTION & TOWN MEETINGS	Expenses	26,900.00
163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	Salaries	1,400.00
		*Expenses	7,345.00
	* The Board of Registrars is authorized to appoint one of its members, excluding the clerk of the board, to serve as Census Updater and to pay said Registrar \$9.00 per hours, not to exceed \$1,000.00 of the total Expense Budget.		
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Salaries	10,000.00
		Expenses	2,880.00
172	PLANNING BOARD	Elected Salaries	5,000.00
		Salaries	8,000.00
		Expenses	20,540.00
173	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Salaries	6,635.00
		Expenses	910.00
180	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY	Expenses	1.00
181	AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION	Salaries	500.00
		Expenses	500.00
182	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION	Expenses	1,000.00
189	PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE	Expenses	141,250.00
190	ON THE JOB INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE	Expenses	80,000.00
191	WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT	Salaries	3,000.00
192	EMPLOYEE SICK DAY BUY-BACK FUND	Salaries	50,000.00
193	PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE	Expenses	200,000.00
194	COUNTY RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	Expenses	770,000.00
195	MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE	Expenses	125,000.00
196	TOWN REPORTS	Expenses	5,000.00
197	PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	Expenses	32,000.00
198	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	Expenses	10,000.00
199	DAMAGE TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	Expenses	1.00

210	POLICE DEPARTMENT		
		Salaries	1,477,809.00
		Expenses	105,500.00
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT		
		Salaries	878,932.00
		Expenses	55,860.00
251	TOWN INSPECTOR		
		Salaries	78,687.00
		Expenses	8,695.00
252	SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
		Salaries	1,200.00
		Expenses	600.00
253	INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS		
		Salaries	20,215.00
		Expenses	525.00
255	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		
		Salaries	23,710.00
		Expenses	710.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL		
		Salaries	53,816.00
		Expenses	7,660.00
Note: Animal Control is regionalized with the Town of Franklin and budget costs are shared.			
294	TREE WARDEN		
		Appointed Salaries	4,232.00
		Salaries	3,720.00
		Expenses	5,626.00
299	AUXILIARY POLICE		
		Expenses	4,766.00
300	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		
		Elected Salaries	5,000.00
		Educational Exps.	13,054,283.00
302	BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC. TECH. SCHOOL		
		Expenses	66,265.00
(a)	To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$36,476. for the Town's FY99 assessment of the Operational Contribution voted by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School Committee on February 12, 1998.		
(b)	To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$27,369. for the Town's FY99 assessment of the Existing Debt voted by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee on February 12, 1998.		
(c)	To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,420. for the Town's FY99 assessment of the Expansion Feasibility Study voted by the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District Committee on December 18, 1997 for the purpose of financing the costs relating to a feasibility expansion study including costs incidental and related thereto.		
303	SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION		
		Transportation Exps.	950,000.00
421	HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION		
		Salaries	69,313.00
		Expenses	15,900.00
422	HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE		
		Salaries	455,783.00
		Expenses	211,000.00

423	SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL		
		Salaries	20,000.00
		Expenses	80,000.00
424	STREET LIGHTING		
		Expenses	120,000.00
425	HIGHWAY VEHICLE MAINTENANCE		
		Expenses	51,940.00
426	GAS & OIL		
		Expenses	72,000.00
433	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		
		Expenses	735,000.00
439	SANITARY LANDFILL		
		Expenses	15,000.00
440	CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT		
		Expenses	172,000.00
441	WOONSOCKET WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT		
		Expenses	80,000.00
450	WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT		
		Salaries	399,378.000
		Expenses	454,350.00
491	CEMETERY COMMITTEE		
		Appointed Salaries	3,600.00
		Expenses	7,500.00
496	INSECT & PEST CONTROL		
		Expenses	100.00
497	DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL		
		Expenses	100.00
510	BOARD OF HEALTH		
		Appointed Salaries	800.00
		Salaries	65,047.00
		Expenses	20,040.00
541	COUNCIL ON AGING		
		Salaries	57,140.00
		Expenses	9,850.00
543	VETERANS' SERVICES		
		Salaries	12,360.00
		Expenses	10,250.00
549	VETERANS' GRAVE AGENT		
		Salaries	600.00
		Expenses	250.00
610	LIBRARY		
		Elected Salaries	525.00
		Salaries	206,375.00
		Expenses	130,451.00
630	PARKS AND RECREATION		
		Appointed Salaries	3,050.00
		Salaries	37,932.00
		Expenses	79,018.00
635	THEODORE ARCAND RECREATIONAL PARK		
		Expenses	1.00

650	HISTORICAL COMMISSION	Expenses	5,500.00
651	ARTS LOTTERY COMMISSION	Expenses	7,500.00
660	MEMORIAL DAY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS	Expenses	10,000.00
710	DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	*Expenses	2,213,000.00
* Funding: \$2,119,505.00 by Taxation & \$93,495.00 by Transfer from Ambulance Receipts Reserve			
715	DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST ON BONDS	Expenses	1,187,000.00
990	WORKMENS COMPENSATION TRUST FUND	InterFund Transfer	125,000.00
991	UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND	InterFund Transfer	10,000.00
992	GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND	InterFund Transfer	1,400,000.00
NOTE: * All travel expenses to be paid at a rate of \$.21 per mile. * No travel expenses to be paid except upon receipt of vouchers showing date, expenses incurred, and the number of miles traveled. * Capital Outlay of less than \$4,000. has been included with Expenses.			
TOTAL			28,037,051.00

ARTICLE 2. CONVEYANCES AND EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and/or purchase conveyances or easements, sewers, water lines, retaining walls and streets, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to carry out said purposes; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Did not carry.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 3. PURCHASE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to authorize the D.P.W. Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 by Taxation and to authorize the DPW Director, in conjunction with other Town Departments, to purchase surplus government equipment for the Town.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 4. TOWN PROPERTY AUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute quitclaim deeds and other instruments thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and their successors in office to sell at public auction any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute quitclaim deeds and other instruments thereto; said authority to expire June 30, 1999.

VOTE: Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.
(per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by town on 05/28/97)

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 5. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: D.P.W. Director)

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State under authorization of Chapter 90 of the Massschetts General Laws, (as pertaining to Highway Funds) for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, said funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State Revenue.

VOTE: Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.
(per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by town on 05/28/97)

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 6. HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State reimbursement; and expended under the direction of the D.P.W. Director; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: D.P.W. Director)

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of funds to be allotted by the State for the construction,

reconstruction, and improvement of Town roads, funds to be borrowed in anticipation of State reimbursement; and expended under the direction of the DPW Director.

VOTE: Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.
(per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by town on 05/28/97)

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 7. AMEND ARTICLE 1.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting of May 28, 1997 by transferring the sum of \$122,805.00 as follows:

FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO:

<i>ITEM #</i>	<i>ACCOUNT</i>		<i>AMOUNT</i>
137	Board of Assessors	Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
195	Medicare-Employer Share	Expenses	10,000.00
255	Electrical Inspector	Salaries	2,000.00
303	School Transportation	Expenses	26,751.00
423	Snow and Ice Removal	Expenses	69,054.00
425	Highway Vehicle Maint.	Expenses	<u>10,000.00</u>
	Total		\$ 122,805.00

Funds to be Transferred from:

<i>ITEM #</i>	<i>ACCOUNT</i>		<i>AMOUNT</i>
137	Board of Assessors	Salaries	\$ 5,000.00
190	On the job Injury for Deduct.	Expenses	25,000.00
198	Insurance Deductible	Expenses	5,000.00
440	Charles River Poll.Cont.Dist.	Expenses	65,000.00
990	Workmen's Comp.Tr. Fund	Expenses	<u>22,805.00</u>
	Total		\$ 122,805.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 8. CAPITAL OUTLAY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general

obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$328,000.00 - \$178,000.00 by Borrowing and \$150,000.00 by Transfer from Overlay Surplus; and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase of School Textbooks.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>Amount</i>
School Textbooks	Borrowing	178,000.00
Real Estate Data Recollection	Overlay Surplus	<u>150,000.00</u>
	Total	328,000.00

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried as follows:

Yes - 125, No - 4 Total 129
9/10 of 129 being 116; Motion Carried.

Vote on Article 8 then carried UNANIMOUSLY.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 9. REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53-1/2, of the General Laws to allow the following:

1. Town of Bellingham School Department to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$5,000) from revenues of energy and user fees and to authorize said funds for energy and user related expenses.
2. To allow the Bellingham School Department to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$125,000) from revenues received from services by the Alternative High School Printing, and to make payments for leases, supplies, and other related expenses.
3. To allow the Bellingham School Department the right to make payments for equipment, leases, supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Michael J. Reed, Sr. Business Center Wing of the Paul J. Primavera Educational Center from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$25,000) from revenues received from rentals of the Michael J. Reed Business Center to outside business groups and Adult Education Courses using the center as a computer training facility.
4. To allow the Bellingham School Department the right to make payments for supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Bellingham Early Childhood Program from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$100,000) from revenues received from student tuition paid to attend this program.
5. To allow the Bellingham Public Library Trustees to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from overdue books and video fines and to authorize the use for purchasing books, videos, library materials, and to make payment to temporary or part-time employees and independent contractors, not to exceed \$10,000.

6. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund from revenue received from the Arcand Park swim program and to authorize the use for swim program expenses not to exceed \$20,000.

7. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the operation of Silver Lake and associated charges and to authorize the use for the maintenance, salaries and other related charges of the lake, not to exceed \$20,000.

8. To allow the Parks Department to create a special revolving fund from revenues collected from children participating in the program to pay salaries and supplies associated with the "Summer Parks Program", not to exceed \$5,000.

9. To allow the D.P.W. to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the sale of compost bins and to authorize for the purchase of additional bins, not to exceed \$5,000.

10. To allow the Parks Department to create a special revolving fund from revenues received from the "Bay Bank Lease" and to authorize the use for the maintenance of the Town Common, not to exceed \$10,000.

11. To allow the Bellingham Historical Commission to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$5,000) from revenues received from donations to the Historical Commission and to authorize said funds to be used for operating expenses.

12. To allow the Town Common Trustees to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$12,000) from revenues received from the "Bay Bank Lease" as well as revenues received from rental fees, said fund to be used for maintenance expenses and for the purchase of supplies or materials associated with the Town Common; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: School Committee, Library Trustees,
Parks Commission, D.P.W., Historical
Commission, Town Common Trustees)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town adopt provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, of the Massachusetts General Laws to allow the following:

1. To allow the School Department to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$5,000.00) from revenues of energy and user fees and to authorize said funds for energy and user related expenses.

2. To allow the School Department to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$125,000.00) from revenues received from services by the Alternative High School Printing, and to make payments for leases, supplies, and other related expenses.

3. To allow the School Department the right to make payments for equipment, leases, supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Michael J. Reed, Sr. Business Center Wing of the Paul J. Primavera Educational Center from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$25,000.00) from revenues received from rentals of the Michael J. Reed Business Center to outside business groups and Adult Education Courses using the center as a computer training facility.

4. To allow the School Department the right to make payments for supplies, materials, salaries, benefits and other expenses related to the operation and administration of the Early Childhood Program from a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$100,000.00) from revenues received from student tuition paid to attend this program.

5. To allow the Public Library Trustees to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$10,000.00) from revenues received from overdue books and video fines and to authorize the use for purchasing books, videos, library materials, and to make payment to temporary or part-time employees and independent contractors.

6. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$20,000.00) from revenue received from the Arcand Park swim program and to authorize the use for swim program expenses.

7. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$20,000.00) from revenues received from the operation of Silver Lake and associated charges and to authorize the use for the maintenance, salaries and other related charges of the lake.

8. To allow the Parks Commission to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$5,000.00) from revenues collected from children participating in the program to pay salaries and supplies associated with the "Summer Parks Program".

9. To allow the Department of Public Works to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$5,000.00) from revenues received from the sale of compost bins and to authorize for the purchase of additional bins.

10. To allow the Historical Commission to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$5,000.00) from revenues received from donations to the Historical Commission and to authorize said funds to be used for operating expenses.

11. To allow the Town Common Trustees to create a special revolving fund (not to exceed \$12,000.00) from revenues received from the "Bay Bank Lease" as well as revenues received from rental fees, said fund to be used for maintenance expenses and for the purchase of supplies or materials associated with the Town Common.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 10. BELLINGHAM FIRST NIGHT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund a "Bellingham First Night" celebration to be held December 31, 1999 to usher in the new Millennium. To have the Selectmen appoint a Steering Committee of five citizens who will have the responsibility of planning and overseeing this celebration; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Lawrence J. Cibley and
Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 (\$25,000.00) dollars by Taxation to fund a "Bellingham First Night" celebration as authorized by Chapter 59 of the Acts of 1998 to be held December 31, 1999 and January 1, 2000 to usher in the new Millennium. To have the Selectmen appoint a Steering Committee of five (5) citizens who will have the responsibility of planning and overseeing this celebration, and who will be authoized to expend these funds and funds received, and to account to the Treasurer for said expenditures.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 11. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT/HIXON STREET

To see if the Town will vote to rezone from Industrial Zoning District to Suburban Zoning District so much of a parcel of land shown on the Bellingham Assessors Map 17 as Parcel 03 as is presently zoned industrial and comprising 62.5 acres more or less, 40 acres more or less presently zoned industrial and being the same parcels conveyed to Philip J. Stockton and Robert Stockton by deed and recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Book 5560, Page 45; or act of do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Landowner)

VOTED: Passed Over.

ARTICLE 12. PINE STREET PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT TAKING

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, or take by eminent domain, for the purpose of constructing storm water management basin, outlet, and other appurtenances, in fee simple title as permanent drainage easement or other such interest in land along the southerly side of Pine Street, all as shown on plans prepared for the Town by Land Planning, Inc. of Bellingham, Mass to vote to appropriate a sum of money to provide payment for aforesaid purchase, related appraisal and legal cost from Chapter 90 funds; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: D.P.W.)

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$500.00 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise, for the purpose of constructing storm water management basin, outlet, and other appurtenances, a certain parcel of land being noted as drain easement (1,868 sq. ft.); in fee simple as shown on plans titled Town of Bellingham Pine Street Drainage Improvements/Drainage Easement Taking Plan dated March 13, 1998, prepared by Land Planning, Inc. of Bellingham, Mass. attached herewith to the motion to be incorporated by reference, said sum to be raised by transfer from Chapter 90 Funds.

VOTE: Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.
(per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by town on 05/28/97)

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 13. BLACKSTONE STREET SCHOOL BUILDINGS WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate a sum of money to plan and design a waste water management system expansion to service the proposed new and existing Blackstone Street school buildings, to authorize said Board to enter into all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out said construction and to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is to be authorized to issue Bonds and Serial Notes under the authority of the appropriate General Laws; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: D.P.W.)

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$150,000.00) by borrowing to plan, design and construct a waste water management system expansion to service the proposed new and existing Blackstone Street school buildings, to authorize said Board to enter into all contracts and agreements as may be necessary to carry out said purposes, and to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is to be authorized to issue bonds and serial notes under the authority of the appropriate Massachusetts General Laws.

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried as follows:

Yes - 124, No - 5 Total 129

9/10 of 129 Being 116, motion to waive secret ballot carried.

Vote on Article 13 then carried UNANIMOUSLY.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 14. WILLIAM WAY STREET ACCEPTANCE

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Public Way a road, the easements appurtenant thereto, and the Deeds thereto, identified as William Way on a Plan entitled "Definitive Plan" of land of proposed Industrial Park called Park-140 owned by William H. Hood dated July 1984 revised September 4, 1984 recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds on October 19, 1984 as Plan No. 1250 of 1984 in Plan Book 316, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Petition, and as more particularly described in a Deed on file at the office of the Town of Bellingham Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the Deeds thereto; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner)

VOTED: That the Town accept as a Public Way a road, the easements appurtenant thereto, and the Deeds thereto, identified as William Way on a Plan entitled "Definitive Plan" of land of proposed Industrial Park called Park-140 owned by William H. Hood dated July 1984 revised September 4, 1984 recorded at the Norfolk Registry of Deeds on October 19, 1984 as Plan No. 1250 of 1984 in Plan Book 316, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Petition, and as more particularly described in a Deed on file at the office of the Town of Bellingham Town Clerk, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the Deeds thereto.

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 15. HARTFORD AVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to take the following action with respect to a portion of Hartford Avenue shown on certain plans entitled "Parcel Plan Prepared for W.S. Development Parcel 3 and 4 Owned by Harrod's Realty Trust and Bellingham North Main Street Associates" and "Parcel Plan Prepared for W.S. Development Parcel 1 and 2 Owned by Bellingham North Main Street Associates Limited Partnership", both prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated June 6, 1996, copies of which plans are on file with the Town Clerk's Office:

1. to accept the action taken by the Board of Selectmen to alter the layout of Hartford Avenue by widening it to include Parcels 1, 2 and 4 (the "Widening Parcels") as shown on such plans.
2. to accept as a gift the fee simple conveyance of the Widening Parcels from the fee owners of the Widening Parcels; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town take the following action with respect to a portion of Hartford Avenue shown on certain plans entitled "Parcel Plan Prepared for W.S. Development Parcel 3 and 4 Owned by Harrod's Realty Trust and Bellingham North Main Street Associates" and "Parcel Plan prepared for W.S. Development Parcel 1 and 2 Owned by Bellingham North Main Street Associates Limited Partnership", both prepared by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and dated June 6, 1996, copies of which plans are on file with the Town Clerk's Office:

1. To accept the action taken by the Board of Selectmen to alter the layout of Hartford Avenue by widening it to include Parcels 1, 2 and 4 (the "Widening Parcels") as shown on such plans.
2. To accept as a gift the fee simple conveyance of the Widening Parcels from the fee owners of the Widening Parcels.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 16. CHARLES RIVER CENTER AND STALLBROOK CENTER

To see if the Town will take the following action with respect to the portion of Hartford Avenue intersected by the site driveways of the Charles River Center and Stallbrook Center:

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a certain First Amendment to Easement and Agreement by and among Bellingham Venture Limited Partnership, Howard A. Fafard, Varney S.E.Q. LLC, Charles River Bellingham LLC and the Town of Bellingham, which First Amendment to Easement and Agreement modifies a certain Easement and Agreement by and among Bellingham Venture Limited Partnership, Howard A. Fafard, Varney Brothers Sand & Gravel, Inc. and the Town of Bellingham dated as of January 29, 1992 and recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 92555, Page 523. Copies of the First Amendment to Easement and Agreement and the Easement and Agreement are on file with the Town Clerk's Office; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petitioner)

VOTED: That the Town take the following action with respect to the portion of Hartford Avenue intersected by the site driveways of the Charles River Center and Stallbrook Center:

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a certain First Amendment to Easement and Agreement by and among Bellingham Venture Limited Partnership, Howard A. Fafard, Varney S.E.Q. LLC, Charles River Bellingham LLC and the Town of Bellingham, which First Amendment to Easement and Agreement modifies a certain Easement and Agreement by and among Bellingham Venture Limited Partnership, Howard A. Fafard, Varney Brothers Sand & Gravel, Inc. and the Town of Bellingham dated as of January 29, 1992 and recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 9255, Page 523. Copies of the First Amendment to Easement and Agreement and the Easement and Agreement are on file with the Town Clerk's Office.

VOTE: Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.
(per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by town on 05/28/97)

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 17. Amend Town By-Law Article 9.02

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 9.02 of the Town By-Laws by increasing the threshold from \$4,000 to \$10,000 for soliciting competitive bids for purchasing goods or services and by requiring three (3) written quotes for purchases between \$1,000 and \$10,000 so that Article 9.02 read as follows:

No contract shall be awarded for any work or service to be performed for the Town, other than professional service or service performed by a person regularly employed by the Town as part of the duties of such employment, the estimated cost of which is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, and no purchase of materials, supplies or equipment shall be made which is estimated to cost ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, unless competitive bids for such contracts or purchases have first been obtained. Whenever possible, three (3) written quotes shall be obtained for purchases between one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00); or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Administrator)

VOTED: That the Town amend Article 9.02 of the Town By-Laws by increasing the threshold from \$4,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for soliciting competitive bids for purchasing goods or services and by requiring three (3) written quotes for purchases between \$1,000.00 and \$10,000.00 so that Article 9.02 reads as follows:

No contract shall be awarded for any work or service to be performed for the Town, other than professional service or service performed by a person regularly employed by the Town as part of the duties of such employment, the estimated cost of which is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, and no purchase of materials, supplies or equipment shall be made which is estimated to cost ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, unless competitive bids for such contracts or purchases have first been obtained. Whenever possible, three (3) written quotes shall be obtained for purchases between one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 18. STREET OPENING PERMITS

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a By-law to be added to Chapter 15 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS of the existing Town of Bellingham Code of By-laws, to read as follows:

Article 15.06. Street Opening Permits

Section 15.06.010 Definitions

"A Public Way" is hereby defined as a way which has been accepted by Town Meeting under the provisions of Sections 17 through 32 of Chapter 82, MGL; or which was created by a subdivision plan approved by the Bellingham Planning Board under the provisions of Sections 8IK-81GG of Chapter 41, MGL; or which the Town Clerk certifies is maintained and used as a public way.

Section 15.06.020 General

- (a) Any trenching, grading, pavement cutting, curb cutting, excavating, stockpiling or other construction work within a public way, unless done pursuant to a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board, must be authorized under a street opening permit issued by the Bellingham Department of Public Works.
- (b) The Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Public Works, shall do the following:
 - i. Adopt and from time to time amend Street Opening Specifications and Procedures after holding a public hearing and soliciting comment from the public. The hearing may be held during a regular Board of Selectmen's meeting, and shall be advertised in two local newspapers (one day in each) at least fourteen days before the time of the hearing.
 - ii. Act as appeal board for requests and complaints regarding issuance of Street Opening Permits by the Department of Public Works.
- (c) All wetlands and other permitting applications are the responsibility of the applicant, and approvals must be obtained prior to the application for a street opening permit.
- (d) Failure to obtain a Street Opening Permit shall be deemed as trespassing and may be deemed as destroying property.

Section 15.06.030 Work Within Public Ways.

A Street Opening Permit intended to authorize a street extension, driveway access, or utility connection shall be granted only provided that either:

- (a) The street meets the standards for a Maintainable Level of Adequate Access,
or
- (b) The applicant for such opening provides security assuring that he will improve the street to meet that standard within a period of time agreed to by the DPW Director and specified in the security agreement.

Section 15.06.040 Minimum Standard for Maintainable Level of Adequate Access

- (a) The minimum width of the traveled way must be equal to sixteen (16) feet or, if greater, the following:
 - i. For streets that are extensions or continuations of existing adequate streets, the average width of the last fifty (50) feet of the adjacent adequate street.
 - ii. For streets that connect two existing adequate streets, the width of the narrower of the connecting streets. That width shall be determined by measuring the average width of the connecting adequate street over a length of fifty (50) feet, the center of the averaging area to be the centerline of the proposed traveled way.
- (b) Roadway Surface and Subgrade.
 - i. The subbase pavement foundation must be a minimum of a twelve (12) inch compacted layer of acceptable road gravel.
 - ii. The wearing surface must be at least one course of hot mix asphalt pavement with a three and one-half (3 1/2) inch compacted thickness extending to the edge of the traveled way.
- (c) Other Required Improvements.
 - i. The improvement must include a drainage system that is consistent with Section 43 Stormwater Management in "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land," Town of Bellingham, as revised April 25, 1996.
 - ii. The grade of the improved section of roadway must not exceed twelve (12) percent.
 - iii. If the road improvement does not connect two streets, a paved turn around must be constructed. The turn around must have a diameter equal to the entire width of the public right of way or 100 feet, whichever is less. The turn around must be constructed to the same specifications as the rest of the improvement.

Section 15.06.050 Waivers of Minimum Standards

The DPW Director may waive strict compliance with the Minimum Standard for Adequate Access requirements in the following cases:

- (a) If that is consistent with a waiver granted by the Planning Board for a plan under Section 254 Waivers of "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land," Town of Bellingham, as revised April 25, 1996, or

- (b) For repairs to services or driveways serving existing structures; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: D.P.W.)

VOTED: That the Town adopt the following By-Law and add to Chapter 15 Streets and Sidewalks of the existing Town of Bellingham Code of By-Laws the following:

Article 15.06. Street Opening Permits

Section 15.06.010 Definitions

"A Public Way" is hereby defined as a way which has been accepted by Town Meeting under the provisions of Sections 17 through 32 of Chapter 82, MGL; or which was created by a subdivision plan approved by the Bellingham Planning Board under the provisions of Sections 8IK-81GG of Chapter 41, MGL; or which the Town Clerk certifies is maintained and used as a public way.

Section 15.06.020 General

- (a) Any trenching, grading, pavement cutting, curb cutting, excavating, stockpiling or other construction work within a public way, unless done pursuant to a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board, must be authorized under a street opening permit issued by the Bellingham Department of Public Works.
- (b) The Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Public Works, shall do the following:
 - i. Adopt and from time to time amend Street Opening Specifications and Procedures after holding a public hearing and soliciting comment from the public. The hearing may be held during a regular Board of Selectmen's meeting, and shall be advertised in two local newspapers (one day in each) at least fourteen days before the time of the hearing.
 - ii. Act as appeal board for requests and complaints regarding issuance of Street Opening Permits by the Department of Public Works.
- (c) All wetlands and other permitting applications are the responsibility of the applicant, and approvals must be obtained prior to the application for a street opening permit.
- (d) Failure to obtain a Street Opening Permit shall be deemed as trespassing and may be deemed as destroying property.

Section 15.06.030 Work Within Public Ways.

A Street Opening Permit intended to authorize a street extension, driveway access, or utility connection shall be granted only provided that either:

- (a) The street meets the standards for a Maintainable Level of Adequate Access,
or
- (b) The applicant for such opening provides security assuring that he will improve the street to meet that standard within a period of time agreed to by the DPW Director and specified in the security agreement.

Section 15.06.040 Minimum Standard for Maintainable Level of Adequate Access

- (a) The minimum width of the traveled way must be equal to sixteen (16) feet or, if greater, the following:

- i. For streets that are extensions or continuations of existing adequate streets, the average width of the last fifty (50) feet of the adjacent adequate street.
- ii. For streets that connect two existing adequate streets, the width of the narrower of the connecting streets. That width shall be determined by measuring the average width of the connecting adequate street over a length of fifty (50) feet, the center of the averaging area to be the centerline of the proposed traveled way.

(b) Roadway Surface and Subgrade.

- i. The subbase pavement foundation must be a minimum of a twelve (12) inch compacted layer of acceptable road gravel.
- ii. The wearing surface must be at least one course of hot mix asphalt pavement with a three and one-half (3 1/2) inch compacted thickness extending to the edge of the traveled way.

(c) Other Required Improvements.

- i. The improvement must include a drainage system that is consistent with Section 43 Stormwater Management in "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land," Town of Bellingham, as revised April 25, 1996.
- ii. The grade of the improved section of roadway must not exceed twelve (12) percent.
- iii. If the road improvement does not connect two streets, a paved turn around must be constructed. The turn around must have a diameter equal to the entire width of the public right of way or 100 feet, whichever is less. The turn around must be constructed to the same specifications as the rest of the improvement.

Section 15.06.050 Waivers of Minimum Standards

The DPW Director may waive strict compliance with the Minimum Standard for Adequate Access requirements in the following cases:

- (a) If that is consistent with a waiver granted by the Planning Board for a plan under Section 254 Waivers of "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land," Town of Bellingham, as revised April 25, 1996, or
- (b) For repairs to services or driveways serving existing structures; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 19. PERMIT RECORDING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by inserting a new Section 1540. Permit Recording, to read as follows, or take any other action thereon.

"1540. Permit Recording. Special permits shall not take effect until the Board which acted on the permit has received documentation from the applicant that a copy of the decision, certified by the Town Clerk, has been recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, as required at Section 11 of Chapter 40A, MGL"; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Planning Board)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend the Zoning By-Law by inserting a new Section 1540. Permit Recording, to read as follows:

1540. Permit Recording. Special permits shall not take effect until the Board which acted on the permit has received documentation from the applicant that a copy of the decision, certified by the Town Clerk, has been recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, as required at Section 11 of Chapter 40A, MGL.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 20. ASSISTED LIVING ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows, or take any other action thereon.

1. Amend Article V. Definitions by inserting the following definitions at their appropriate alphabetic locations:

"Assisted elderly housing

One or more dwellings, regardless of structural type (single-family, two-family, multifamily) which are structurally configured to serve the elderly, meeting then-current physical standards for publicly-assisted elderly housing and having no units containing more than two bedrooms; and for which there is publicly-enforceable assurance that each resident household will consist entirely of members at least 55 years old; and for which there is contract assurance of support services, such as meals, housekeeping, social services, health services, or transportation."

"Boarding or Rooming

A building, other than an hotel or motel, where rooms (without kitchens) are rented to three or more persons by the week or longer, and meals may (or may not) be regularly served to roomers by prearrangement for compensation."

2. Amend Article V. Definitions by revising the existing definition for "Dwelling Unit" so that it reads as follows:

"Dwelling Unit

Living quarters for a single family, including up to two boarders at any one time."

3. Amend Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule by inserting the following new row immediately below "Other multifamily," to read as follows:

A	S,R	M	B-1	I
			B-2	

"Assisted elderly housing (See Section 4420)

PB	PB	PB	PB	NO"
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4. Amend Section 2600 Intensity of Use Schedule by deleting footnote (f) and revising footnote (e) to read as follows:

"(e) For townhouse dwelling, assisted elderly housing, and other multifamily housing see Section 4400 Special Residential Uses."

5. Amend Section 3320. Schedule of (parking) Requirements (a) Dwellings to read as follows:

- "(a) Dwellings:
Single-family detached having no boarders or lodgers: two spaces per dwelling unit;

Assisted elderly housing: one space per bedroom;
Other dwelling: two and one-half spaces per dwelling unit, plus one space per bedroom used for boarding and rooming."

6. Delete existing Section 4400, and replace it with the following:

"4400. Special Residential Uses.

Special residential uses are Townhouses, Assisted Elderly housing, Public Housing, and Other Multi-family Housing.

"4410. Townhouse Dwellings. As provided in Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule, townhouse dwellings may be allowed on special permit in all except the Industrial District. Such special permits shall be acted on by the Planning Board, subject to the following:

"4411. Minimum lot area shall be 10,000 sq. ft. per bedroom, but in no case shall lot area be less than 20 acres.

"4412. Approval of the special permit shall be based upon the criteria of Section 4455 Decision.

"4420. Assisted Elderly Housing. As provided in Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule, Assisted Elderly housing may be allowed on special permit in all except the Industrial District. Such special permits shall be acted on by the Planning Board, subject to the following:

"4421. For units designated as 'targeted' by the Planning Board under Section 2690, lot area and frontage requirements shall be as specified in that Section, rather than Section 2600 Intensity of Use Schedule.

"4422. The following information shall be submitted in addition to the submittal requirements of Section 1423:

- "(a) A description of the proposed management of the facility.
"(b) A description of the services to be provided to the residents and how such services are to be supplied.
"(c) A description of all common or shared areas.

"4423. Approval of the special permit shall be based upon the criteria of Section 4465 Decision.

"4430. Public Housing. As provided in Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule, Public Housing is a permitted use in all districts except the Industrial district. Public housing is exempt from the minimum requirements of Section 2600 Intensity of Use Schedule.

"4440. Other Multifamily Dwellings. As provided in Section 2400 Use Regulation Schedule, multifamily dwellings other than townhouse dwellings, assisted multifamily housing, or public housing are allowed only:

- "(a) in the Multifamily District, or
"(b) through conversion of an existing dwelling in any other district, upon determination by the Board of Appeals that the structure could not reasonably be used or altered for any other use (see Section 2400 footnote 10).

"4441. New Multifamily Districts (M) shall each be created only by vote of the Town Meeting amending the Zoning Map. Each such district shall not be less than 20 acres in extent, shall front for at least 500 feet on an arterial street, and shall contain not less than 70% vacant or agricultural land.

"4442. Minimum lot area for other multifamily dwellings shall be 40,000 square feet for up to four dwelling units, and 3,000 square feet additional lot area for each additional family accommodated.

"4443. Approval of the special permit shall be based upon the criteria of Section 4455 Decision.

"4450. Special Residential Use Requirements. The following shall apply to all Special Residential Uses other than Public Housing (Townhouse Dwellings, Assisted Elderly Housing, and Other Multifamily Dwellings).

"4451. Major Development. Special permits resulting in either 50 or more dwelling units or 100 or more bedrooms on that and abutting parcels which have been in common ownership at any time subsequent to January 1, 1989, shall be construed to be Major Proposals, and therefore may be approved only following concept plan approval as provided in Section 3400.

"4452. Bedroom Limitation. Not more than 10% of the cumulative number of dwelling units on the premises having been granted occupancy permits at any point in time may have three bedrooms (except assisted elderly, which may have none) and none may have more than three bedrooms, unless (except in the case of assisted multifamily) the Special Permit originally allowing the development explicitly authorizes occupancy permits for more or larger units. Said authorization shall be granted only where lot area will equal at least 10,000 square feet per bedroom.

"4453. Submittals. The application for a Special Permit shall be accompanied by six copies of:

- "(a) a Site Plan including the items required under Section 1423(a) (but they may be at a concept rather than final level of detail);
- "(b) a proposed staging plan, if building permits are not to be immediately sought for all units; and
- "(c) a ground floor plan and architectural elevations of all proposed buildings, prepared by a registered Architect.

"Those materials shall be circulated for review as provided at Section 1422(b). No special permit shall be decided upon within 35 days of such referral without receipt of advisory reports from each of those agencies regarding compliance of the proposal to local rules, regulations, and Bylaws as well as good practice within their area of concern.

"4454. Special Permit Use. The Special Permit shall lapse upon transfer of ownership or within 12 months of Special Permit approval (plus such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal referred to in Sec. 17, Ch. 40A, G.L., from the grant thereof) if a substantial use thereof or construction has not begun, except for good cause.

"4455. Decision. In deciding on a Special Permit for Townhouse, Assisted Elderly housing, or Other Multifamily dwellings, the following more detailed criteria shall be used rather than those of Section 1530. Such Special Permit shall be granted only if the Planning Board determines that the proposal would serve Town interests better than would single-family development of the same area, considering the following:

- (a) Municipal costs and revenues.

- (b) Effect on the range of available housing choice.
- (c) Service to identified housing needs.
- (d) Service to current Bellingham residents.
- (e) Support for local business activity and jobs.
- (f) Impact on the natural environment, especially on ground and surface water quality and level.
- (g) Impacts on traffic safety and congestion, adequacy of water service, and need for school facilities.
- (h) Impacts on the visual environment through preservation or displacement of visual assets, and consistency with existing development in area.

"4456. Development Rate. In authorizing Townhouse Dwellings and other Multifamily Dwellings the Planning Board shall establish an annual limit for the number of such dwelling units to be authorized, taking into consideration the Town-wide building rate experienced over the previous two years and anticipated over the next half-dozen years, the needs which the housing will serve, the ability of the Town to provide services in a timely manner, the housing cost and feasibility consequences of the limitation, and the considerations of Section 3420 for Major Proposals. Such development rate may be less than but not more than that contained in the Concept Plan, if any, approved by Town Meeting."

7. Amend Section 2690 Targeted Housing by inserting ", or the dwelling unit meets the definition of 'Assisted elderly housing' in Section V of this Bylaw", so that Section 2690 begins as follows:

"2690. Targeted Housing. On special permit from the Planning Board, dwelling units may be designated as 'Targeted', provided that:

- "(a) either the development containing the unit qualifies to seek a Comprehensive Permit under Chapter 40B, G.L., or the dwelling unit meets the definition of 'Assisted elderly housing' in Section V of this Bylaw..." (remainder unchanged); or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Planning Board)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 21. ELDERLY ABATEMENT PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of implementing an Elderly Abatement Program for Fiscal 1999; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 by Taxation for the purpose of implementing an Elderly Abatement Program for Fiscal 1999.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 22. UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the payment of certain unpaid bills; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Passed Over.

ARTICLE 23. STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Passed Over.

ATTENDANCE:

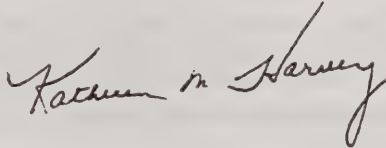
P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTAL
16	40	29	22	22	129

No quorum required.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:16 PM

A true record.

ATTEST:



**Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Stall Brook School in Precinct #1
Clara Macy School in Precinct #2
Bellingham Public Library in Precinct #3
Assumption Parish Hall in Precinct #4 and #5
in said Bellingham on:

TUESDAY, the FIFTEENTH DAY of SEPTEMBER, 1998
from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
LT. GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	2 nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	7 th COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	10 th WORCESTER DISTRICT (Pct. # 1)
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	10 th NORFOLK DISTRICT (Pct. #2 thru 5)
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	NORFOLK DISTRICT
SHERIFF	NORFOLK COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	NORFOLK COUNTY

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 24th day of August, 1998

Guy A. Fleurette, Chairman	Jerald A. Mayhew
John E. Tuttle, Jr., Vice Chairman	Roger H. Oakley
Ann L. Odabashian	

SELECTMEN OF BELLINGHAM

Norfolk, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same in at least one public place in each precinct of the town, in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Posted: August 26, 1998

Paul Chupa
Constable of Bellingham

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 15, 1998**

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

%
VOTES

OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Total	CAST
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
GOVERNOR							
Brian J. Donnelly	30	43	31	43	63	210	24%
Scott Harshbarger	67	86	86	67	102	408	46%
Patricia McGovern	48	66	46	39	49	248	28%
All others	0	2	1	0	1	4	0%
BLANKS	3	3	3	4	6	19	2%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR							
Dorothy A. Kelly Gay	71	90	72	77	97	407	46%
Warren E. Tolman	62	89	78	63	93	385	43%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	15	21	17	13	31	97	11%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

ATTORNEY GENERAL							
Lois G. Pines	61	83	88	67	86	385	43%
Thomas F. Reilly	84	111	76	79	129	479	54%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	3	6	3	7	6	25	3%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

SECRETARY OF STATE							
William Francis Galvin	115	156	133	119	160	683	77%
All Others	0	2	0	0	0	2	0%
BLANKS	33	42	34	34	61	204	23%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

TREASURER							
Shannon P. O'Brien	115	149	132	119	158	673	76%
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	33	50	35	34	63	215	24%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

AUDITOR							
A. Joseph DeNucci	110	154	128	115	159	666	75%
All others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	38	46	39	38	62	223	25%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS Second District							
Richard E. Neal	115	155	135	121	162	688	77%
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	33	44	32	32	59	200	22%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

COUNCILLOR Seventh District							
Louis P. Bertozzi	113	149	140	120	161	683	77%
Dennis P. McManus	29	34	19	24	40	146	16%
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	6	16	8	9	20	59	7%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

%
VOTES
CAST

OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Total	%
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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
Worcester & Norfolk District

Richard T. Moore	119	159	138	129	174	719	81%
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	29	40	29	24	47	169	19%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
10th Worcester District (P-1)

Marie J. Parente	130					130	88%
All Others	0					0	0%
BLANKS	18					18	12%
TOTAL	148					148	

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
10th Norfolk District (P-2 thru P-5)

James E. Vallee	161	144	124	171	600	81%
All others	1	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	38	23	29	50	140	19%
TOTAL	200	167	153	221	741	

DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Norfolk District

John J. Corrigan	20	18	19	22	23	102	11%
William R. Keating	48	92	56	65	116	377	42%
William P. O'Donnell	72	72	81	56	70	351	39%
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	8	17	11	10	12	58	7%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

SHERIFF - Norfolk County

Michael G. Bellotti	113	143	127	118	167	668	75%
All Others	1	2	1	0	0	4	0%
BLANKS	34	55	39	35	54	217	24%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Norfolk County

Peter H. Collins	71	101	92	85	115	464	52%
John W. Fallon, Jr.	52	56	47	49	66	270	30%
All Others	0	1	1	0	0	2	0%
BLANKS	25	42	27	19	40	153	17%
TOTAL	148	200	167	153	221	889	

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTALS
Registered voters by Precinct	1,651	1,722	1,673	1,763	1,743	8,552
Votes Cast by Democrats	148	200	167	153	221	889
% of Votes by Democrats	9.0%	11.6%	10.0%	8.7%	12.7%	10.4%

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 15, 1998**

REPUBLICAN PARTY

						%	
						VOTES	
OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Total	CAST
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
GOVERNOR							
Argeo Paul Cellucci	58	58	55	43	44	258	53%
Joseph D. Malone	49	65	46	44	28	232	47%
All others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	0	0	1	0	0	1	0%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR							
Janet E. Jeghelian	56	60	51	34	30	231	47%
Jane Maria Swift	45	57	46	41	30	219	45%
All Others	1	0	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	5	6	5	12	12	40	8%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
ATTORNEY GENERAL							
Brad Bailey	75	90	76	60	36	337	69%
All Others	1	1	1	0	0	3	1%
BLANKS	31	32	25	27	36	151	31%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
SECRETARY OF STATE							
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	64	88	70	56	35	313	64%
All Others	1	0	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	42	35	32	31	37	177	36%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
TREASURER							
Robert A. Maginn	64	88	68	54	34	308	63%
All Others	1	0	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	42	35	34	33	38	182	37%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
AUDITOR							
Michael T. Duffy	62	86	68	53	35	304	62%
All others	1	0	1	0	0	2	0%
BLANKS	44	37	33	34	37	185	38%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS							
Second District							
All Others	3	0	1	1	0	5	1%
BLANKS	104	123	101	86	72	486	99%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
COUNCILLOR							
Seventh District							
All Others	1	0	1	0	5	7	1%
BLANKS	106	123	101	87	67	484	99%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 15, 1998**

REPUBLICAN PARTY

**%
VOTES**

OFFICE & CANDIDATES **P-1** **P-2** **P-3** **P-4** **P-5** **Total** **CAST**

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
10th Worcester District (P-1)**

All Others	1					0	0%
BLANKS	106					1	1%
TOTAL	107					107	

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
10th Norfolk District (P-2 thru P-5)**

All others		0	1	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS		123	101	87	72	383	100%
TOTAL		123	102	87	72	384	

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Norfolk District**

Jeffrey A. Locke	69	85	74	52	41	321	65%
All Others	1	3	0	0	0	4	1%
BLANKS	37	35	28	35	31	166	34%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	

**SHERIFF
Norfolk County**

Jack Flood	68	90	72	56	39	325	66%
All Others	0	0	1	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	39	33	29	31	33	165	34%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Norfolk County**

Robert D. Hall, Jr.	61	84	69	52	37	303	62%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	46	39	33	35	35	188	38%
TOTAL	107	123	102	87	72	491	

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTALS
Registered voters by Precinct	1,651	1,722	1,673	1,763	1,743	8,552
Votes Cast by Republicans	107	123	102	87	72	491
% of Votes/By Republicans	6.5%	7.1%	6.1%	4.9%	4.1%	5.7%

A true record.

ATTEST

Kathleen M. Harvey

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 15, 1998**

REFORM PARTY

OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Total	% VOTES CAST
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
GOVERNOR							
Argeo Cellucci	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR							
Jane Marie Swift	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
ATTORNEY GENERAL							
Brad Bailey	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
SECRETARY OF STATE							
Dale Jenkins, Jr.	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
TREASURER							
Shannon O'Brien	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
AUDITOR							
Joseph DeNucci	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS Second District							
Richard Neal	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
COUNCILLOR Seventh District							
Louis Bertonazzi	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT Worcester & Norfolk District							
Richard Moore	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 15, 1998**

REFORM PARTY

OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Total	% VOTES CAST
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
10th Worcester District (P-1)**

All Others	0					0	
BLANKS	0					0	
TOTAL	0					0	

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
10th Norfolk District (P-2 thru P-5)**

James Vallee	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Norfolk District**

William O'Donnell	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	

**SHERIFF
Norfolk County**

Jack Flood	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Norfolk County**

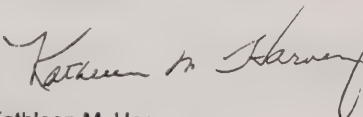
Peter Collins	0	0	0	1	0	1	50%
BLANKS	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	2	

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
PRIMARY STATISTICS
Precinct 1 through 5**

	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTALS
Registered voters by Precinct	1,651	1,722	1,673	1,763	1,743	8,552
Votes cast in all precincts	255	323	269	241	294	1,382
% of votes in all precincts	15.4%	18.8%	16.1%	13.7%	16.9%	16.2%

A true record.

ATTEST



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

**FALL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 1998
At 7:30 PM**

ARTICLE 1. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Bellingham Zoning By-laws, Article II, Use and Intensity Regulations, Section 2400, as follows:

<u>Industrial Uses</u>	A	S,R	M	B-1	I
				B-2	
Electrical generating facility (Power Plant); or act or do anything in relation thereto.	no	no	no	no	no

(By: Conservation Commission)

VOTED: That the Town amend the Town of Bellingham Zoning By-Laws, Article II, Use and Intensity Regulations, Section 2400, as follows:

<u>Industrial Uses</u>	A	S,R	M	B-1	I
				B-2	
Electrical generating Facility (Power Plant)	no	no	no	no	Not to exceed 3

VOTE: By hand count: Yes – 343, No – 23 Total – 366
2/3 of 366 being 244, Motion Carried.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)

**ARTICLE 2. REZONE ELECTRIC GENERATING POWER PLANT
SITE AREA OFF MAPLE STREET**

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-Laws and Zoning Map as follows:

Rezone from Industrial zoning district to a Suburban zoning district an area bounded to the west by Interstate 495 (I-495), to the northwest by Route 126, to the north and northeast by the existing Industrial zoning district and Suburban zoning district boundary line and to the east and south by the Bellingham - Franklin town line, which area is highlighted in yellow on the copy of the zoning map attached hereto and incorporated herein; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petition)

VOTED: Passed over.

**ARTICLE 3. AMEND ZONING BY-LAWS TO PROHIBIT ELECTRIC
GENERATING POWER PLANTS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend its Zoning By-laws as follows:

1. By adding to Article II, Section 2400. Use Regulations Schedule. Industrial Uses, immediately after (below) “Laundry or drycleaning plant” the following new activity or use:

	<u>DISTRICT</u>				
	A	S,R	M	B-1 B-2	I
“Electrical generating facility or powerplant**”	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

2. By adding to Article II, Section 2400. Use Regulations Schedule, Institutional Uses, immediately after both (beside) “Public utility with service area”; and “Public utility without service area” the following proviso: “except for electrical generating facilities or power plants”; and

3. By adding to Article II, Section 2400 Use Regulations Schedule, FOOTNOTES FOR SECTION 2400, immediately after (below) the footnote designated “*”, the following new footnote: “**Notwithstanding any provision of Article I, Section 1322 hereof to the contrary, the Board of Appeals shall not have the power to grant any variance from the use regulations of this By-law to permit the construction of or the use of property for electric generating power facilities or power plants; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petition)

VOTED: Passed over.

ARTICLE 4. REZONE ELECTRIC GENERATING POWER PLANT SITE ON DEPOT STREET

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law as follows:

Rezone from Industrial District to Suburban and Agricultural districts to an area west of Depot Street, comprising approximately 70 acres, being those portions of Lot 23 on Assessor’s Sheet 38 which lie easterly of the centerline of the Boston Edison power line easement and northerly of a line parallel to and 200 feet northerly of the southerly property line of Lot 23 on Assessor’s Sheet 38, as shown on the map “Depot Street Rezoning”, dated February 23, 1995 on file with the Town Clerk; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Petition)

VOTED: By hand count: Yes – 166, No – 214
MOTION FAILED.

(Not Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Not Recommended by Planning Board)

ARTICLE 5. AMEND TOWN BY-LAW ARTICLE 4.04

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4.04 of the By-Laws by replacing the phrase “ten (10) days” with “by noontime of the Wednesday”; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Article 4.04 of the By-Laws by replacing the phrase “ten (10) days” with “by noontime seven (7) calendar days”.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 6. AMEND TOWN BY-LAW ARTICLE 6.01

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6.01 of the By-laws to reduce the membership of the Finance Committee from ten (10) to seven (7); or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the Town amend Article 6.01 of the By-Laws to reduce the membership of the Finance Committee from ten (10) to eight (8) effective immediately.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 7. AMEND ARTICLE 1.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1 of the 1998 Annual Town Meeting by reducing, adding to, deleting, amending appropriations or transferring funds from various sources into items within Article 1; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Article 1 of the May 1998 Annual Town Meeting by transferring the sum of \$170,360.00 as follows:

Funds to be Transferred To:

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Assessors Expenses	137	\$ 10,000.00
Solid Waste	433	75,000.00
Animal Control Salaries	292	10,360.00
School Transportation	303	75,000.00
Building Maintenance	189	

To authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract in excess of three years for the purchase of electricity and natural gas.

School Department	300
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To authorize the School Department to enter into a contract in excess of three years for the purchase of electricity and natural gas.

Funds to be Transferred From:

Assessors Salaries	137	\$ 10,000.00
Veterans Salaries	543	10,360.00
Taxation		150,000.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 8. CAPITAL OUTLAY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine how such appropriation shall be raised, whether by transfer of available funds, by taxation, by borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the purchase, construction, reconstruction and/or engineering costs associated with various capital outlay items or improvements proposed by Town Departments, Boards or Committees; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

Motion to waive a secret ballot as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the Sum of \$1,388,500.00 for the following Capital Outlay Items as follows:

SECTION A: Funding: Transfer from Free Cash.

SECTION A

<u>Department</u>	<u>Capital Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Library	Book Shelves	\$ 6,000.00
Council on Aging	C.O.A. Center Design/Plans	50,000.00
Water/Sewer	Trench Box	11,000.00
Dept. Of Public Works	Highway Sweeper	105,000.00
	Asphalt Roller	15,000.00
	Rte. 140/126 Engineering	60,000.00
	Air Compressor	12,500.00
	Tree Removal/Silver Lake	15,000.00
	Silver Lake Dam Repair	250,000.00
	Waste Management Project	150,000.00

and authorize the rescission of \$150,000.00 in borrowing authorized under Article 13 entitled "Blackstone Street School Buildings Waste Water Management Project" of the May 1998 Annual Town Meeting.

Board of Selectmen	Copy Machine	20,000.00
Conservation Commission	Land Acquisition Trust	10,000.00
Parks	Playground Upgrade	10,000.00
Fire Department	Protective Gear	16,000.00
	Large Diameter Hose	8,500.00
Police	Auxiliary Cruiser	27,500.00
	2 Cruisers	55,000.00
	Bullet Proof Vests	6,000.00
	Mobile Video Units	8,000.00
School	Maintenance and Repair of:	
	Clara Macy	15,000.00
	Stall Brook	35,000.00
	South Elementary	10,000.00
	Primavera	16,000.00
	Early Childhood-Preschool	8,000.00
	Keough Administration	16,000.00
School	High School Text Books	18,000.00
	High School Field Maintenance	7,000.00
	Text Books	178,000.00

and authorize the rescission of \$178,000.00 in borrowing authorized under Article 8 entitled Capital Outlay "School Textbooks" of the May 1998 Annual Town Meeting.

SECTION B (Funds: By Borrowing)

and the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Town therefore for the purpose of financing the costs associated with purchasing a fire pumper for said \$250,000.00.

Motion to waive a secret ballot on Section B as required by General By-Law Section 4.07.130 carried unanimously.

Article 8 voted in two parts:

Section A - Motion Carried.

Section B - Motion carried by a 2/3 vote.
(per General By-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by town on May 28, 1997)

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 9. REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 of the General Laws to allow the following:

A. To allow the Board of Selectmen to create a Special Revolving Fund (not to exceed \$25,000) from revenues received from a lease payment from Nextel and to authorize the use of these funds to pay monthly Nextel phone charges as well as monthly digital charges for mobile communications within the Police and Fire Department; B. To allow the Bellingham Department of Public Works to create a special revolving fund, not to exceed \$15,000, from revenues received from sewer extension inspection fees and to authorize said funds to be used to pay professional engineers to review and approve plans, and consultant inspectors to observe construction and verify compliance with the approved plans
;or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen/DPW)

VOTED: That the Town adopt provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 of the General Laws to allow the following:

1. To allow the Board of Selectmen to create a Special Revolving Fund, not to exceed \$25,000.00 from revenues from a lease payment from Nextel and to authorize the use of these funds to pay monthly Nextel phone charges as well as monthly digital charges for mobile communications within the Police and Fire Department.
2. To allow the Bellingham Department of Public Works to create a special revolving fund, not to exceed \$15,000.00 from revenues received from sewer extension inspection fees and to authorize said funds to be used to pay professional engineers to review and approve plans, and consultant inspectors to observe construction and verify compliance with the approved plans.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 10. CROOKS CORNER COMMON

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money and determine how said sum shall be raised for the purpose of entering into contracts and purchasing materials to complete the Crook's Corner Common area; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: That the Town raise the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of entering into contracts and purchasing materials for the Crooks Corner Common area project; said sum to be raised by taxation.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 11. NORTH STREET PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT TAKING

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, or take by eminent domain, for the purpose of constructing a storm water management outlet, and other appurtenances, in fee simple title as permanent drainage easement or other such interest in land shown on the plan titled "Town of Bellingham, North Street Drainage Improvements/Drainage Easement Taking Plan" dated June 24, 1998 prepared by Land Planning, Inc. of Bellingham, Mass., a copy of said plan is attached hereto and will be in the possession of the Town Clerk's Office for review, and to appropriate a sum of money to provide payment for costs related to said taking, preparation of certified appraisal and legal recording fees from Chapter 90 funds; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW)

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to purchase, or take by eminent domain, for the purpose of constructing a storm water management outlet, and other appurtenances, in fee simple title as permanent drainage easement or other such interest in land shown on the plan titled "Town of Bellingham, North Street Drainage Improvements/Drainage Easement Taking Plan" dated June 24, 1998 prepared by Land Planning, Inc. of Bellingham, MA., a copy of said plan is attached hereto, payment for costs related to said taking, preparation of certified appraisal and legal fees and recording fees to be transferred from Chapter 90 funds.

VOTE: Motion carried by a 2/3 voice vote.
(per General by-Law Section 4.07.100 adopted by town of May 28, 1997)

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 12. REVISIONS TO BELLINGHAM SEWER BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to revise the Town of Bellingham Sewer Betterment Assessment Regulations by deleting Section 5. Sewer Privilege Fee, renumbering the title Section 6. Sewer Connection Fee to read Section 5. Sewer Connection Fee, deleting Section 7. Sewer Inspection Fee and inserting a new Section 6. Sewer Extension Inspection Fee, so that it reads as follows:

Section 5. Sewer Inspection Fee

If an entity or person, other than the Town, proposes to construct a sewer extension that will connect to an existing Town sewer facility, said entity or person will deposit, into a revolving fund set up by the Town Collector, an amount determined by the DPW Director to be sufficient to cover the cost to the Town of plan review, and daily inspection. The Town will draw from this fund all money needed to hire and pay consultant professional engineers and resident inspectors during the course of the specific sewer extension.

The entity or person must deposit the required funds with the Town Collector before the DPW will sign a Sewer Extension Permit application for the sewer extension.

If the funds initially deposited for an individual extension are depleted before the sewer extension is complete, the entity or person will deposit additional funds. Final approval of the sewer extension will not be granted and related Building Sewer Connection applications will not be approved if available funds are not sufficient to pay for services rendered.

At the time of final sewer extension approval and receipt of as-built drawings, if the funds deposited for the sewer extension exceed the total cost for services rendered, the excess will be released to the entity or person. To initiate the release of excess funds the entity or person must submit a written request to the DPW Director.

The details of the fund bookkeeping and consultant's responsibilities and requirements are described in the Town of Bellingham Massachusetts Sewer Use Regulations, Part III, Paragraph D.x.; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: DPW)

VOTED: That the Town revise the Town of Bellingham Sewer Betterment Assessment Regulations by deleting Section 5. Sewer Privilege Fee, renumbering the title Section 6. Sewer Connection Fee to read Section 5. Sewer Connection Fee, deleting Section 7. Sewer Inspection Fee and inserting a new Section 6. Sewer Extension Inspection Fee, so that it reads as follows:

Section 5. Sewer Inspection Fee

If an entity or person, other than the Town, proposes to construct a sewer extension that will connect to an existing Town sewer facility, said entity or person will deposit, into a revolving fund set up by the Town Collector, an amount determined by the DPW Director to be sufficient to cover the cost to the Town of plan review, and daily inspection to wit; consultant professional engineers and resident inspectors during the course of the specific sewer extension.

The entity or person must deposit the required funds with the Town Collector before the DPW signs a Sewer Extension Permit application for the sewer extension.

If the funds initially deposited for an individual extension are fully expended before the sewer extension is complete, the entity or person must deposit additional funds. Final approval of the sewer extension will not be granted and related Building Sewer Connection applications will not be approved if available funds are insufficient to pay for services rendered.

At the time of final sewer extension approval and receipt of as-built drawings, if the funds deposited for the sewer extension exceed the total cost for services rendered, the excess will be released to the entity or person. To initiate the release of excess funds the entity or person must submit a written request to the DPW Director, within six months of final approval.

The details of the fund bookkeeping and consultant's responsibilities and requirements are described in the Town of Bellingham Massachusetts Sewer Use Regulations, Part III, Paragraph D.x.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 13. BY-LAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws, Article 4-02, Business of Town Meeting, except elections, ballots by adding to the end of the first paragraph the following:

,excepting, however, for the May 1999 Annual Town Meeting which shall be held on May 19, 1999; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Moderator)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend the Town By-Laws, Article 4-02, Business of Town Meeting, except elections, ballots by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following: excepting, however, for the May 1999 Annual Town Meeting which shall be held on May 19, 1999.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 14. UNPAID BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum for money for the payment of certain unpaid bills; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,565.00 for the payment of certain unpaid bills; said sum to be raised from Free Cash.

<u>Department</u>		<u>Unpaid Bill</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Occupational Health	197	Health Resources	\$ 19.50
Police Department	210	Belmont Springs	7.08
Police Department	210	Staples	69.99
Treasurer	138	Belmont Springs	46.02
Water Department	450	Paul Bokoski	39.39
Assessors	137	Hobbs & Warren	18.95
Building Inspector	251	Hobbs & Warren	80.00
Solid Waste	433	BFI	2,294.96
Public Buildings	189	Boston Edison	<u>989.11</u>
			\$ 3,565.00

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 15. STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the Town raise the sum of \$210,000.00 for the purpose of funding the Stabilization Fund. Said funds to be transferred from Free Cash.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Attendance:

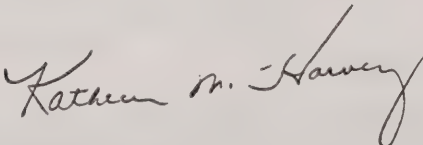
P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTAL
70	183	81	78	49	461

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

No Quorum Required.

A true record .

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth**

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Bellingham

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections to vote at:

Stall Brook School in Precinct #1
Clara Macy School in Precinct #2
Bellingham Public Library in Precinct #3
Assumption Parish Hall in Precinct #4 and #5
in said Bellingham on:

**TUESDAY, the THIRD DAY of NOVEMBER, 1998
from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
for the following purpose:**

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THE COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	2 nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	7 th COUNCILLOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	10 th WORCESTER DISTRICT (Pct. # 1)
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	10 th NORFOLK DISTRICT (Pct. #2 thru 5)
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	NORFOLK DISTRICT
SHERIFF	NORFOLK COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER	NORFOLK COUNTY
BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL	DISTRICT MEMBERS

QUESTIONS

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| #1 | Setting Compensation of State Legislators |
| #2 | Public Campaign Financing |
| #3 | Tax Rate on Interest and Dividend Income |
| #4 | Electric Utility Industry Restructing |

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 16th day of October, 1998

Guy A. Fleurette, Chairman	Jerald A. Mayhew
John E. Tuttle, Jr., Vice Chairman	Roger H. Oakley
Ann L. Odabashian	

SELECTMEN OF BELLINGHAM

Norfolk, ss.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Bellingham by posting attested copies of the same in at least one public place in each precinct of the town, in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Posted: October 19, 1998

Paul Chupa
Constable of Bellingham

**TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 1998**

OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Total	% VOTES CAST
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
GOVERNOR & LIET. GOVERNOR							
Cellucci & Swift	512	528	466	522	489	2,517	56%
Harshbarger & Tolman	322	380	365	352	434	1,853	41%
Cook & Israel	16	21	16	17	11	81	2%
All others	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	16	17	7	11	9	60	1%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

ATTORNEY GENERAL							
Brad Bailey	317	302	277	313	269	1,478	33%
Thomas F. Reilly	511	595	553	550	647	2,856	63%
All Others	0	1	0	0	0	1	0%
BLANKS	38	49	24	39	27	177	4%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

SECRETARY OF STATE							
William Francis Galvin	532	608	577	543	645	2,905	64%
Dale C. Jenkins, Jr.	238	241	184	262	204	1,129	25%
David L. Atkinson	40	43	50	45	44	222	5%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	56	55	43	52	50	256	6%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

TREASURER							
Bob Maginn	330	321	286	322	292	1,551	34%
Shannon P. O'Brien	463	538	490	504	575	2,570	57%
Merton B. Baker	20	28	28	24	26	126	3%
All Others	1	1	0	0	0	2	0%
BLANKS	52	59	50	52	50	263	6%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

AUDITOR							
A. Joseph DeNucci	490	567	521	506	600	2,684	59%
Michael T. Duffy	255	258	223	283	230	1,249	28%
Carla A. Howell	53	47	53	61	54	268	6%
All others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	68	75	57	52	59	311	7%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS							
Second District							
Richard E. Neal	595	688	627	658	706	3,274	73%
All Others	3	0	7	4	2	16	0%
BLANKS	268	259	220	240	235	1,222	27%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

COUNCILLOR							
Seventh District							
Dennis P. McManus	537	636	591	622	657	3,043	67%
All Others	2	1	1	2	1	7	0%
BLANKS	327	310	262	278	285	1,462	32%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT							
Worcester & Norfolk District							
Richard T. Moore	594	687	637	666	705	3,289	73%
All Others	2	1	2	2	1	8	0%
BLANKS	270	259	215	234	237	1,215	27%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

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STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 1998**

OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Total	% VOTES CAST
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							
10th Worcester District (P-1)							

Marie J. Parente	623					623	72%
All Others	3					3	0%
BLANKS	240					240	28%
TOTAL	866					866	

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
10th Norfolk District (P-2 thru P-5)**

James E. Vallee		710	645	686	720	2,761	76%
All others		0	2	3	0	5	0%
BLANKS		237	207	213	223	880	24%
TOTAL		947	854	902	943	3,646	

DISTRICT ATTORNEY - Norfolk District

William R. Keating	428	539	490	535	627	2,619	58%
Jeffrey A. Locke	388	353	324	317	269	1,651	37%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	50	55	40	50	47	242	5%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

SHERIFF - Norfolk County

Michael G. Bellotti	403	483	437	483	575	2,381	53%
Jack Flood	351	350	302	339	276	1,618	36%
Lawrence C. Mackin	55	58	68	46	50	277	6%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	57	56	47	34	42	236	5%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Norfolk County**

Peter H. Collins	437	517	489	498	598	2,539	56%
Robert D. Hall, Jr.	299	294	246	297	237	1,373	30%
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
BLANKS	130	136	119	107	108	600	13%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

REGIONAL VOC. SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BELLINGHAM

E. Kevin Harvey	604	714	663	694	694	3,369	75%
All Others	0	2	1	1	1	5	0%
BLANKS	262	231	190	207	248	1,138	25%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

BLACKSTONE

Matthew C. Krajewski	520	582	555	588	616	2,861	63%
All Others	0	1	0	2	1	4	0%
BLANKS	346	364	299	312	326	1,647	37%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

DOUGLAS

John C. Lavin, III	494	568	522	553	572	2,709	60%
All Others	0	1	1	1	0	3	0%
BLANKS	372	378	331	348	371	1,800	40%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

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OFFICE & CANDIDATES	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	Total	% VOTES CAST
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GRAFTON							
Diane M. Paradis	490	551	519	550	565	2,675	59%
All Others	1	1	0	0	0	2	0%
BLANKS	375	395	335	352	378	1,835	41%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

HOPEDALE							
Everett A. Young	480	561	521	549	564	2,675	59%
All Others	0	1	0	1	0	2	0%
BLANKS	386	385	333	352	379	1,835	41%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

MENDON							
All Others - scattered votes	5	6	10	3	4	28	1%
BLANKS	861	941	844	899	939	4,484	99%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

MILFORD							
Arthur E. Morin, Jr.	484	548	510	546	559	2,647	59%
All Others	0	1	0	2	1	4	0%
BLANKS	382	398	344	354	383	1,861	41%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

MILLBURY							
Jay P. Hanratty	438	516	485	505	530	2,474	55%
All Others	0	1	1	0	0	2	0%
BLANKS	428	430	368	397	413	2,036	45%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

MILLVILLE							
Gerald M. Finn	438	508	476	504	532	2,458	54%
All Others	0	1	0	1	0	2	0%
BLANKS	428	438	378	397	411	2,052	45%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

NORTHBRIDGE							
Edward B. Postma	429	492	461	496	518	2,396	53%
All Others	0	1	1	1	0	3	0%
BLANKS	437	454	392	405	425	2,113	47%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

SUTTON							
Michael Intinarelli	432	492	460	492	509	2,385	53%
All Others	0	1	0	1	0	2	0%
BLANKS	434	454	394	409	434	2,125	47%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

UPTON							
Robert H. Snow	433	499	460	500	516	2,408	53%
All Others	0	1	1	0	0	2	0%
BLANKS	433	447	393	402	427	2,102	47%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

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UXBRIDGE							
Daniel L. Baker	200	223	225	288	310	1,246	28%
James H. Ebbeling	82	103	85	77	88	435	10%
Thomas F. Rice	139	164	133	141	146	723	16%
All Others	0	1	1	0	0	2	0%
BLANKS	445	456	410	396	399	2,106	47%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

QUESTION # 1

Setting Compensation of State Legislators

YES	595	695	642	692	673	3,297	73%
NO	214	204	174	154	183	929	21%
BLANKS	57	48	38	56	87	286	6%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

QUESTION # 2

Public Campaign Financing

YES	550	593	563	583	571	2,860	63%
NO	250	268	239	250	242	1,249	28%
BLANKS	66	86	52	69	130	403	9%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

QUESTION # 3

Tax Rate on Interest and Dividend Income

YES	662	672	632	712	661	3,339	74%
NO	142	191	171	138	160	802	18%
BLANKS	62	84	51	52	122	371	8%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

QUESITON # 4

Electric Utility Industry Restructing

YES	527	510	570	668	649	2,924	65%
NO	308	396	255	202	224	1,385	31%
BLANKS	31	41	29	32	70	203	4%
TOTAL	866	947	854	902	943	4,512	

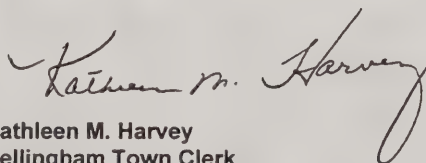
STATISTICAL INFORMATION

	P-1	P-2	P-3	P-4	P-5	TOTALS
Registered voters per pct.	1,697	1,749	1,710	1,794	1,775	8,725
Votes cast per precinct	866	947	854	902	943	4,512
% of vote per precinct	51.0%	54.1%	49.9%	50.3%	53.1%	51.7%

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk





TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

TOWN HALL
P.O. BOX 367
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

TOWN CLERK
KATHLEEN M. HARVEY

TELEPHONE
(508) 966-5827

PUBLICATION OF TOWN BY-LAWS

The attached amendments:

General By-Laws adopted under Articles #17 and 18 and;
The Zoning By-Law adopted under Article #19

Of the Warrant for the Bellingham Annual Town Meeting that convened on May 27, 1998 with the approval of the Attorney General on August 18, 1998 are hereby:

PUBLISHED.

Any claim to invalidity by reason of defect in the procedure of adoption and or amendment may only be made within ninety days of this posting, in writing, to the Town Clerk's Office.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

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Precinct # 2	Larry's Package Store & Clara Macy School
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Precinct # 5	South Fire Station & Clem's Coffee Shop

I hereby certify that I have posted attested copies of the above notice at the places indicated.

AUG 24 1998

Date Posted _____

Constable of Bellingham



SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Attorney General
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108-1698

REPLY TO:
DEPT. OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WESTERN MASS. DIVISION
436 DWIGHT STREET
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01103-1317
(413) 784-1240

August 18, 1998

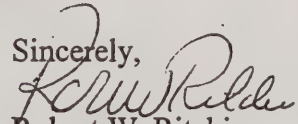
Kathleen M. Harvey, Town Clerk
2 Mechanic Street
P. O. Box 367
Bellingham, MA 02019

Re: **Bellingham Annual Town Meeting of May 27, 1998**
Warrant Article # 17 & 18 (General)
Warrant Article # 19 (Zoning)

Dear Ms. Harvey:

I return the amendments to the general by-laws adopted under Article 17 & 18 of the warrant for the annual town meeting that convened on May 27, 1998, and the amendments to the zoning by-law adopted under Article 19, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

Sincerely,


Robert W. Ritchie
Assistant Attorney General
Director, Municipal Law Unit
(413) 784-1240 x 26
(617) 727-2200 x 2073

enc.

pc:

Town Counsel
Lee G. Ambler, Esq.
6 Mendon Street
Bellingham, MA 02019

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June 2, 1998

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Annual Town Meeting of May 27, 1998 at 7:30 PM
Article 17. Amend Town By-Law Art. 9.02

I hereby certify that the following is a true record of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 17. Amend Town By-Law Article 9.02

VOTED: That the Town amend Article 9.02 of the Town By-Laws by increasing the threshold from \$4,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for soliciting competitive bids for purchasing goods or services and by requiring three (3) written quotes for purchases between \$1,000.00 and \$10,000.00 so that Article 9.02 reads as follows:

No contract shall be awarded for any work or service to be performed for the Town, other than professional service or service performed by a person regularly employed by the Town as part of the duties of such employment, the estimated cost of which is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, and no purchase of materials, supplies or equipment shall be made which is estimated to cost ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or more, unless competitive bids for such contracts or purchases have first been obtained. Whenever possible, three (3) written quotes shall be obtained for purchases between one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

File:ATM98#17



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June 2, 1998

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Annual Town Meeting of May 27, 1998 at 7:30 PM
Article 18. Street Opening Permits

I hereby certify that the following is a true record of the vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

VOTED: That the Town adopt the following By-Law and add to Chapter 15 Streets and Sidewalks of the existing Town of Bellingham Code of By-Laws the following:

Article 15.06. Street Opening Permits

Section 15.06.010 Definitions

"A Public Way" is hereby defined as a way which has been accepted by Town Meeting under the provisions of Sections 17 through 32 of Chapter 82, MGL; or which was created by a subdivision plan approved by the Bellingham Planning Board under the provisions of Sections 8IK-81GG of Chapter 41, MGL; or which the Town Clerk certifies is maintained and used as a public way.

Section 15.06.020 General

- (a) Any trenching, grading, pavement cutting, curb cutting, excavating, stockpiling or other construction work within a public way, unless done pursuant to a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board, must be authorized under a street opening permit issued by the Bellingham Department of Public Works.
- (b) The Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Public Works, shall do the following:
 - i. Adopt and from time to time amend Street Opening Specifications and Procedures after holding a public hearing and soliciting comment from the public. The hearing may be held during a regular Board of Selectmen's meeting, and shall be advertised in two local newspapers (one day in each) at least fourteen days before the time of the hearing.

- ii. Act as appeal board for requests and complaints regarding issuance of Street Opening Permits by the Department of Public Works.
- (c) All wetlands and other permitting applications are the responsibility of the applicant, and approvals must be obtained prior to the application for a street opening permit.
- (d) Failure to obtain a Street Opening Permit shall be deemed as trespassing and may be deemed as destroying property.

Section 15.06.030 Work Within Public Ways.

A Street Opening Permit intended to authorize a street extension, driveway access, or utility connection shall be granted only provided that either:

- (a) The street meets the standards for a Maintainable Level of Adequate Access, or
- (b) The applicant for such opening provides security assuring that he will improve the street to meet that standard within a period of time agreed to by the DPW Director and specified in the security agreement.

Section 15.06.040 Minimum Standard for Maintainable Level of Adequate Access

- (a) The minimum width of the traveled way must be equal to sixteen (16) feet or, if greater, the following:
 - i. For streets that are extensions or continuations of existing adequate streets, the average width of the last fifty (50) feet of the adjacent adequate street.
 - ii. For streets that connect two existing adequate streets, the width of the narrower of the connecting streets. That width shall be determined by measuring the average width of the connecting adequate street over a length of fifty (50) feet, the center of the averaging area to be the centerline of the proposed traveled way.
- (b) Roadway Surface and Subgrade.
 - i. The subbase pavement foundation must be a minimum of a twelve (12) inch compacted layer of acceptable road gravel.
 - ii. The wearing surface must be at least one course of hot mix asphalt pavement with a three and one-half (3 1/2) inch compacted thickness extending to the edge of the traveled way.

(c) Other Required Improvements.

- i The improvement must include a drainage system that is consistent with Section 43 Stormwater Management in "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land," Town of Bellingham, as revised April 25, 1996.
- ii. The grade of the improved section of roadway must not exceed twelve (12) percent.
- iii. If the road improvement does not connect two streets, a paved turn around must be constructed. The turn around must have a diameter equal to the entire width of the public right of way or 100 feet, whichever is less. The turn around must be constructed to the same specifications as the rest of the improvement.

Section 15.06.050 Waivers of Minimum Standards

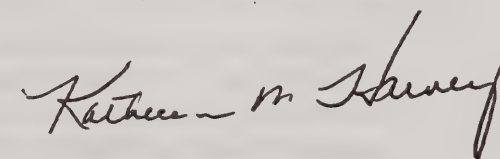
The DPW Director may waive strict compliance with the Minimum Standard for Adequate Access requirements in the following cases:

- (a) If that is consistent with a waiver granted by the Planning Board for a plan under Section 254 Waivers of "Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land," Town of Bellingham, as revised April 25, 1996, or
- (b) For repairs to services or driveways serving existing structures; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

File:ATM98#18



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TOWN CLERK
KATHLEEN M. HARVEY

TELEPHONE
(508) 966-5827

June 2, 1998

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Annual Town Meeting of May 27, 1998 at 7:30 PM
Article 19. Zoning By-Law Change

I hereby certify that the following is a true record of an article and vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 19. PERMIT RECORDING

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by inserting a new Section 1540. Permit Recording, to read as follows, or take any other action thereon.

"1540. Permit Recording. Special permits shall not take effect until the Board which acted on the permit has received documentation from the applicant that a copy of the decision, certified by the Town Clerk, has been recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, as required at Section 11 of Chapter 40A, MGL"; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Planning Board)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend the Zoning By-Law by inserting a new Section 1540. Permit Recording, to read as follows:

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A true record.

ATTEST:

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

Kathleen M. Harvey
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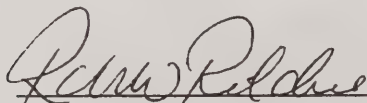
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Springfield, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the General by-laws adopted under Article 17 & 18 of the Warrant for the Annual town meeting that convened on May 27, 1998, and the amendments to the zoning by-law adopted under Article 19, are approved.

SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert W. Ritchie", is written over a horizontal line.

by: Robert W. Ritchie, Assistant Attorney General
Director, Municipal Law Unit
436 Dwight Street
Springfield, MA 01103-1317
(413) 784-1240 x 26

Dated: August 18, 1998



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PUBLICATION OF TOWN BY-LAWS

The attached amendments:

General By-Laws adopted under Articles #5, 6 and 13 and;
Zoning By-Laws adopted under Article 1

Of the Warrant for the Bellingham Special Town Meeting that convened on October 14, 1998 with the approval of the Attorney General on January 21, 1999 are hereby:

PUBLISHED.

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ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

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Date Posted _____

JAN 27 1999

Constable of Bellingham



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ONE ASHBURTON PLACE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108-1698

TOM REILLY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

(617) 727-2200

January 21, 1999

Kathleen M. Harvey, Town Clerk
2 Mechanic Street
P. O. Box 367
Bellingham, MA 02019

Re: Bellingham Special Town Meeting of October 14, 1998
General Articles 5, 6 and 13, Zoning Article 1 Docket # 356

Dear Ms. Harvey:

I return the amendments to the general by-laws adopted under articles 5, 6 and 13 and the amendments to the zoning by-laws adopted under article 1, all of the warrant for the special town meeting that convened on October 14, 1998, with the enclosed approval of this Office.

Sincerely,

Kathryn B. Palmer
Assistant Attorney General
Coordinator, Municipal Law Unit
(617) 727-2200 x 2085

Encl.

cc: Lee G. Ambler, Esq., 6 Mendon Street, Bellingham, MA 02019

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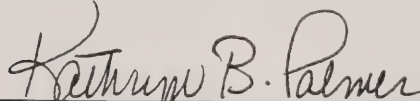
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Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the general by-laws adopted under articles 5, 6 and 13 and the amendments to the zoning by-laws adopted under article 1, all of the warrant for the special town meeting that convened on October 14, 1998, are approved.

THOMAS F. REILLY
ATTORNEY GENERAL



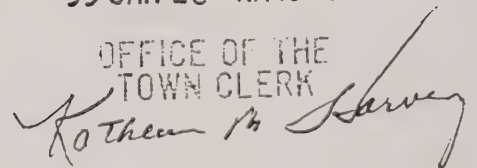
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October 19, 1998

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Fall Town Meeting of October 14, 1998
Article 5. AMEND TOWN BY-LAW ARTICLE 4.04

I hereby certify that the following is a true record of an article and vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 5. AMEND TOWN BY-LAW ARTICLE 4.04

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 4.04 of the By-Laws by replacing the phrase "ten (10) days" with "by noontime of the Wednesday"; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend Article 4.04 of the By-Laws by replacing the phrase "ten (10) days" with "by noontime seven (7) calendar days".

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



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October 19, 1998

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Fall Town Meeting of October 14, 1998
Article 6. AMEND TOWN BY-LAW ARTICLE 6.01

I hereby certify that the following is a true record of an article and vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 6. AMEND TOWN BY-LAW ARTICLE 6.01

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6.01 of the By-laws to reduce the membership of the Finance Committee from ten (10) to seven (7); or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the Town amend Article 6.01 of the By-Laws to reduce the membership of the Finance Committee from ten (10) to eight (8) effective immediately.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



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October 19, 1998

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Fall Town Meeting of October 14, 1998
Article 13. BY-LAW AMENDMENT

I hereby certify that the following is a true record of an article and vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 13. BY-LAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws, Article 4-02, Business of Town Meeting, except elections, ballots by adding to the end of the first paragraph the following:

,excepting, however, for the May 1999 Annual Town Meeting which shall be held on May 19, 1999; or act or do anything in relation thereto.

(By: Town Moderator)

VOTED: Unanimously voted that the Town amend the Town By-Laws, Article 4-02, Business of Town Meeting, except elections, ballots by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following: excepting, however, for the May 1999 Annual Town Meeting which shall be held on May 19, 1999.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)

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ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



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October 19, 1998

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Fall Town Meeting of October 14, 1998
Article 1. Zoning By-Law Amendment

I hereby certify that the following is a true record of an article and vote adopted by the qualified voters of the Town of Bellingham at the above referenced meeting:

ARTICLE 1. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Bellingham Zoning By-laws, Article II, Use and Intensity Regulations, Section 2400, as follows:

<u>Industrial Uses</u>	A	S,R	M	B-1	1
				B-2	
Electrical generating facility (Power Plant); or act or do anything in relation thereto.	no	no	no	no	no

(By: Conservation Commission)

VOTED: That the Town amend the Town of Bellingham Zoning By-Laws, Article II, Use and Intensity Regulations, Section 2400, as follows:

<u>Industrial Uses</u>	A	S,R	M	B-1	I
				B-2	
Electrical generating Facility (Power Plant)	no	no	no	no	Not to exceed 3

VOTE: By hand count: Yes - 343, No - 23 Total - 366
2/3 of 366 being 244, Motion Carried.

(Recommended by Finance Committee)
(Recommended by Planning Board)

A true record.

ATTEST:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

CHAPTER 201

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Article 8-5-4(c)1 of the charter of the town of Bellingham, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following:-

A Town Common Trustees Committee.

Said committee shall consist of five members serving staggered three year terms. Vacancies shall be filled by a joint vote of the board of selectmen and the remaining members of the committee. Said committee shall have the responsibility of overseeing the maintenance and care of the town common.

House of Representatives, July 20, 1998.

Passed to be enacted, Thomas M. Finneran, Speaker.

In Senate, July 23, 1998.

Passed to be enacted, Linda J. Melconian, Acting President.

July 31, 1998.

Approved at 4:04 PM

Argeo Paul Cellucci, Acting Governor.

TOWN CLERK'S RECEIPTS

DOG LICENSES SOLD - 1998

	Numbered Issued	Unit Price	Gross Receipts Paid to Town
Male	83	\$ 15.00	\$ 1,245.00
Neutered Male	358	\$ 10.00	\$ 3,580.00
Female	43	\$ 15.00	\$ 645.00
Spayed Female	421	\$ 10.00	\$ 4,210.00
Kennel - 3 dogs or less	3	\$ 30.00	\$ 90.00
Kennel - 10 dogs or less	1	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Kennel - More than 10 dogs	5	\$105.00	\$ 525.00
TOTAL LICENSES SOLD	914		\$10,350.00
LATE FEES			\$ 600.00
TOTAL			\$10,950.00

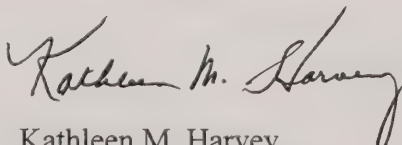
The Town of Bellingham accepted the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 147A at the special Town Meeting held on December 15, 1987. This authorized the town to keep all fees collected from the sale of dog licenses or monies received as fines.

Dog and Kennel Licenses are due annually April 1st.

A \$10.00 late fee is imposed after June 30th for each dog licensed.

A true record.

ATTEST:

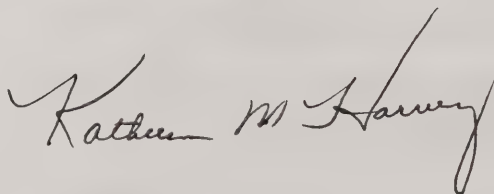

Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S RECEIPTS - 1998

FISH & GAME LICENSES

<u>License Class Issued</u>	<u># Issued</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>GROSS Receipts</u>	<u>Clerk's Fee</u>	<u>NET</u>
				<u>Paid to Town</u>	<u>Paid to State</u>
Resident Fishing	58	22.50	1305.00	29.00	1276.00
Resident Fishing Minor	4	6.50	26.00	2.00	24.00
Resident Fishing 65-69	5	11.25	56.25	2.50	53.75
Resident Fishing/Seniors 70,etc.	30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Resient Fishing	4	32.50	130.00	2.00	128.00
Non-Resident Fishing 3-day	0	18.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Fishing 3-day	0	7.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Trapping	2	30.50	61.00	1.00	60.00
Resident Trapping Minor	0	6.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Trapping Age 65-69	0	15.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duplicate Fishing	0	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duplicate Trapping	0	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Citizen Hunting	16	22.50	360.00	8.00	352.00
Resident Hunting 65-69	0	11.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resient Hunting Paraplegic	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Alien Hunting	1	22.50	22.50	0.50	22.00
Non-Resident Hunting - Big Game	1	94.50	94.50	0.50	94.00
Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game	0	60.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Resident Hunting, Com. Shg. Pr.	0	19.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Citizen Minor Hunting	1	6.50	6.50	0.50	6.00
Resident Sporting	34	40.00	1360.00	17.00	1343.00
Resident Sporting 65-69	2	20.00	40.00	1.00	39.00
Resident Citizen Sporting - Over 70	31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duplicate Hunting	0	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Duplicate Sporting	0	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Archery Stamp	24	5.10	122.40	2.40	120.00
Waterfowl Stamp	11	5.00	55.00	2.75	52.25
Primitive Firearms Stamp	24	5.10	122.40	2.40	120.00
Wildlife Conservation Stamp (Resident)	120	5.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Wildlife Cons. Stamp (Non-Resident)	5	5.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Town of Bellingham \$1.00 fee	127	1.00	127.00	127.00	
TOTALS		\$	4513.55	198.55	4315.00

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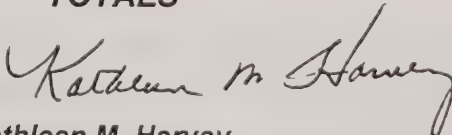
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MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES, RECORDALS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.**For the year ending:****December 31, 1998**

	Unit Price	Amount Sold	YEARLY TOTAL
=====	=====	=====	=====
Massachusetts Tax Liens	N/C	12	0.00
Chattel Mortgages (UCC Filings)	10.00	183	1830.00
Chattel Mortgage Terminations	5.00	36	180.00
Business Certificates	10.00	72	720.00
Raffle & Bazaar Permits	10.00	8	80.00
Pole Location Recordals	12.50	12	150.00
Underground Storage Permits	10.00	28	280.00
Marriage Intentions	10.00	114	1140.00
Marriage Certificates	5.00	186	930.00
Birth Certificates (long form)	5.00	121	605.00
Birth Certificates (cards)	2.00	299	598.00
Death Certificates	5.00	193	965.00
Amended Vital Recorded	10.00	0	0.00
Delayed Records of Birth	10.00	0	0.00
Home Births	N/C	1	0.00
Adoption Recordings	N/C	1	0.00
Voter Registration Cards	2.00	17	34.00
Street Lists - Resident	5.00	40	200.00
Street List - Non-Resident	10.00	9	90.00
Street Maps	2.00	1	2.00
Assorted Maps	2.00	11	22.00
Zoning By-Laws	8.00	85	680.00
Zoning By-Laws, Mailed	10.00	2	20.00
General By-Laws	10.00	4	40.00
Planning Board Rules & Regs.	8.00	24	192.00
General/Zoning/Charter booklet	20.00	5	100.00
U.C.C. Copies	2.00	40	80.00
Certification of U.C.C.	10.00	15	150.00
Certification of Record	2.00	44	88.00
Business Certificate (Withdrawn,etc)	5.00	2	10.00
Dog Tag Replacement	2.00	3	6.00
Miscellaneous Copies	0.20	794	158.80
Miscellaneous Computer Page Copies	0.50	0	0.00
Computer Diskettes	varied	6	175.00
Computer labels (@.02 each min. \$75.00)	0.02	0	0.00
Physicians Certificate of Registration	10.00	0	0.00
Subpoena/Summons Fees	varied	----	0.00
Miscellaneous Postage	varied	----	9.06
Miscellaneous Certifications, etc.	varied	----	173.60
Declaration of Trust	\$5.00	3	15.00

TOTALS**\$9,723.46****A true record.****ATTEST:**

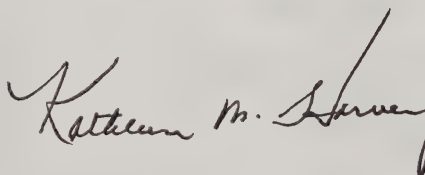

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**TOWN CLERK'S
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
FOR THE YEAR 1998**

	<u>Number Issued</u>	<u>Gross Receipts</u>	<u>Receipts Paid to STATE</u>	<u>Receipts Paid to TOWN</u>
Dog License	914	\$10,950.00	---	\$10,950.00
Fish & Game Receipts		\$ 4,513.55	\$4,315.00	\$ 198.55
Misc. Licenses, Certificates, Etc.	Varied	\$ 9,723.46		\$ 9,723.46
Non Criminal Disposition Fines Leash Law Enforcement		\$ 125.00	---	\$ 125.00
TOTALS		\$25,312.01	\$4,315.00	\$20,997.01

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VITAL STATISTICS RECORD

1998

BIRTHS	195
MARRIAGES	114
DEATHS	72
TOTALS	381

Births and deaths recorded in the Town Report reflect events which occurred ONLY in Massachusetts.. Many of Bellingham's births and deaths are in surrounding hospitals in Rhode Island and are considered out-of-state records and not returned to the town of residence.

MARRIAGES recorded in the Town of Bellingham include ONLY those couples who filed their marriage intention in Bellingham.

OUT OF WEDLOCK BIRTHS:

Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1989 allow for resident copies of out of wedlock births to be transmitted to the town of residents, upon request of the mother at the time of birth. This act has been in effect since February 27, 1990 and applies to births from that date to the present.

These records are still considered "impounded" and access is limited to the following individuals:

- Mother and Father - if Father is listed on record
- Child
- Legal Guardian of the Child - with proper legal papers
- Legal representative of the above

VITAL STATISTICS received in the Town Clerk's office too late for publication in the years town report, will be listed separately in the following year's statistics.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

IN THE YEAR 1998

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF PARENTS
JANUARY		
3	Alec Mathew Godfrey	Brian M. & Jamie L. (Gilchrist)
3	Jessee Hunter Prueitt	Robert P. & Karen M. (Martin)
5	Elaina Dorothy Chambers	Edward L. & Barbara E. G.z (Green)
6	Lindsey Marie Russell	Kevin T. & Susan M. (Halpin)
6	Jillian Noelle Barnabe	Mark A. & Carol M. (Glasheen)
8	Toni Lynn Barnes	Robert J. & Jamie L. (Pellegrini)
9	Joel Daniel Gardner	Benjamin J. & Heather E. (Miller)
10	Sophie Metcalf Norton	Roger M. & Debra S. (Goldfarb)
11	Brandon William Baker	Gary W. & Diane M. (Somers)
11	Kyle Joseph Haskins	Charles F. & Jill R. (Rivolla)
15	Miranda Lee Hamel	Michael J. & Cindy L. (Whitney)
17	Tyler James Allen	John R. & Adrienne J. (Lichau)
20	Morgan Elizabeth Simard	Christopher J. & Kimberley A. (Daniels)
21	Andrew William Kilponen	Ronald R. & Annie S. (Smith)
21	Dana Lynn Kilponen	Ronald R. & Annie S. (Smith)
23	Natasha Marie Leone	Michael F. & Valerie J. (Thorpe)
24	Derek James Izzo	Daniel R. & Jennifer A. (Terenzi)
28	Derek Alexander Trythall	James D. & Deborah A. (Foster)
31	Mackenzie Paige Remillard	Paul J. & Fahy H. (Fontaine)
FEBRUARY		
1	Benjamin Louis Soares	Gregory M. & Barbara L. (Crotty)
10	Corey Matthew Roberts	Craig A. & Lori A. (Montmarquette)
11	Emily Elizabeth Bisanti	Christopher & Patricia A. (Costello)
15	Ryan Arthur Haarer	Frederick L. & Jessica L. (Toner)
19	Jennifer Lauren Cecelya	Steven J. & Lisa J. (Reid)
19	Joseph Richard Cogliano	Richard F. & Christine (Dacko)
25	Kaitlynn Sandra Prophet	James M. & Sandra J. (Marchand)
26	Joshua William Lamb Morse	David J. & Kathleen D. (Lamb)
26	Glendon Paul Wenger	Omar H. & Barbara E. (Shertzer)

MARCH

2	Jordan Andrew Kapala	Andrew C. & Linda J. (Rugoletti)
3	Alexander Morrill Vanderlaan Kates	Peter A. & Jean M. (Hutchins)
5	Clino Daniel Bortone	Rocco G. & Elizabeth M. (Murphy)
11	Garrett Nichols Bolton	Raymond S. & Elizabeth J. (MacDonald)
12	Jake William Brodeur	James J. & Joan F. (Armstrong)
13	Madison Rachel Schumm	Zachary D. & Carol A. (Lawver)
13	Skyler Lee Flavin	Douglas R. & Tracy L. (Parsons)
16	Nicole Michelle Bousquet	Michael F. & Rebecca J. (Lavallee)
22	Jake Alan Schonberg	Wayne A. & Nancy B. (Rezendes)
23	Emily Theresa Ryan	James M. & Mary T. (MacDougall)
24	John Allen Casey	Sean M. & Kelly N. (Williams)
24	Nicholas Steven Jasinski	Steven J. & Barbara H. (Syngay)
26	Hunter Alexnder Walker	Bradley R. & Wendy L. (Phipps)
27	Jill Elizabeth Beschi	Daniel A. & Robin M. (Ritchie)
29	Danielle Elise Perry	Jeffrey J. & Linda A. (Pepin)

APRIL

2	Lindsey Mae Dykens	Michael J. & Tara A. (Etlinger)
3	Kristen Marie Ford	Francis J. & Kimberly M. (Foster)
5	Grace Ellen Gant Remillard	Jeffrey D. & Stephanie P. (Gant)
8	Samara Lee Hod	John & Kristen (Greathead)
10	Michaelia Elizabeth Briggs	Kenneth L. & Patricia L. (Debonise)
11	Samantha Martina Duncan	James R. & Stefanie L. (Lutz)
11	Courtney Hope Woods	Francis J. & Kendra V. (Swanson)
13	Jason Matthew Towne	Andrew F. & Diana S. (Sardonini)
15	Steven Andrew Haines	John E. & Elizabeth J. (McCue)
15	Thomas Robert Haines	John E. & Elizabeth J. (McCue)
18	Christopher Richard Kuhlman	Richard W. & Jennifer B. (Lyon)
23	Andrew Joseph Jewers	William P. & Michelle A. (Girard)
23	Colleen Patricia Phelan	Richard E. & Kathleen A. (Devine)
24	Brian Peter Molloy	Peter J. & Rachelle M. (Cohen)
24	Cameron Taylor Ferreira	Rodney C. & Laurie A. (Champagne)
25	Cole Joseph Murphy	Thomas D. & Annette (Vicente)
30	Joshua Paul Reget	Paul A. & Deborah A. (Kurczy)

MAY

1	Dominique Rose Stevens	Michael K. & Amy B. (Fletcher)
7	Grace Viola Annunziato	Kevin P. & Darlene V. (Bernier)
8	Paul Vincent Carbonaro, Jr.	Paul V. & Michele C. (Wise)
8	Kaitlyn Marie Killion	Daniel P. & Monique D. (Debatis)
8	Kaitlyn Elizabeth Reber	Edwad L. & Ellen G. (Glover)
9	Hannah Elizabeth Cedrone	Robert H. & Genevieve M. (Swain)
10	Sean Aidan O'Bannon	Timothy P. & Laura J. (Mullaney)
18	Ryan Lee Carriere	James & Wendy H. (Halperin)

MAY

27	Kyle Francis Manning	Joseph B. & Margaret M. (Byrnes)
27	Casey Joseph Veinotte	Bruce A. & Deanna L. (Anderso
29	Matthew Philip Brown	Jeffrey E. & Donna M. (Lavita)
29	John Edward Maguire	Edward F. & Mary E. (Logue)
29	Virginia Anne Maguire	Edward F. & Mary E. (Logue)

JUNE

3	Sophia Marie Cirillo	Robert A. & Dianne M. (Dick)
5	Daniel Robert Collins, Jr.	Daniel R. & Michelle C. (Dunn)
6	John Francis O'Neil	Sean F. & Kathleen M. (Roche)
8	Joshua William Ruby	Daniel A. & Judith E. (Lydon)
8	Jillian May Bailey	Robert D. & Jacqueline (Ronan)
15	Sarah Ann Hansen	Daniel J. & Tracy L. (Durfee)
17	Joseph Donald Quaglietti	Ward L. & Tracy A. (Capen)
18	Jacqueline Ann Masse	Steven M. & Ann L. (Lynch)
20	Cassandra Evelyn Keene	Richard J. & Debra A. (Hebert)
28	Wyatt James Vigilante	James S. & Lisa B. (Bowers)

JULY

1	Bailey Elizabeth Kratschman	Barry T. & Lisa A. (Laferriere)
1	Steven John Hill	Steven D. & Hilda M. (Tapia)
3	Haley Elisabeth Bayline	Michael S. & Paula H. (Haley)
6	Liam Casey Dunham	Kevin E. & Marianne (Pelick)
7	Cory Michael Bentley	Wayne E. & Deborah L. (Doherty)
7	Kyle William Costello	John H. & Kristine D. (Train)
7	Ryan Thomas Costello	John H. & Kristine D. (Train)
8	Christopher Byrne De Grandpre, III	Christopher B. & Amanda L. (Murray)
12	Katerina Sophia Tsiounis	Dimitrios & Jennifer A. (Gonya)
12	George Anthony Medri	Anthony G. & Laurie J. (Whitley)
12	Robert Norman Press Keane	Robert E. & Tami J.P. (Press)
13	Benjamin Richard Steinhoff	Kirk P. & Karen L. (Moore)
14	Lauren Marie Fech	Carl J. & Terri M. (Meier)
18	Connor Robert Kennedy	Mark E. & Cathlin L. (Brown)
21	Alyssa Nicole Marrero	Marcelino & Joannette (Ayala)
22	Nicholas William Maderia	Ronald F. & Debra E. (Paris)
27	Amanda Nicole Rutkowski	Marek G. & Nicole M. (Gravel)
28	Sean Patrick Fahey	George B. & Christine V. (Skehan)
29	Lexie Ann Surette	Richard D. & Lisa E. (Doyle)

AUGUST

7	Samuel Edward Partlow	Kevin E. & Donna M. (Jiaua)
8	Zachary John Seymour	John D. & Terri A. (Firend)
8	Liam Michael Garvey	Matthew R. & Margaret A. (Riordan)
18	Olivia Claire Zagame	Kris A. & Shirley J. (Couture)

AUGUST

18	Michael William Egan	William E. & Nancy L. (Page)
19	Michael Gerard Fitzgibbons	Brian J. & Linda I. (Janiak)
19	Zachary David Stocking	Philip N. & Sunita A. (Jacob)
21	Ryan Paul Molloy	Paul J. & Arleen M. (Zahan)
22	Jocelin Danielle Hebert	David W. & Tara J. (McAvoy)
25	Hannah Emily Drake	Eric A. & Jessica A. (Bemis)

SEPTEMBER

1	Colin James Lama	Joseph J. & Kerry E. (Coyne)
2	Noelle Elaine Gove	Todd R. & Cheryl A. (Poirier)
3	Elle Anna Brine	Erik A. & Shay P. (Perry)
9	Emily Rose Michaud	Andrew R. & Tracy E. (Dunn)
9	Nicholas Andrew Michaud	Andrew R. & Tracy E. (Dunn)
9	Zachary Cole Marshall	Christopher P. & Margaret M. (Moore)
10	Nathaniel John Tomarakos	John P. & Deborah T. (Taylor)
16	Carly Rose Lemire	Marc R. & Beverly A. (Romikaitis)
17	David Michael Lavallee, Jr.	David M. & Marlene M. (Jenckes)
23	Robert John Burchill	Robert G. & Joan M. (Eagan)
24	Daniel Edward Begley	James F. & Cheryl M. (Leblanc)
25	Danielle Elizabeth Nadeau	Ronald F. & Suzanne L. (Sawyer)
25	Marzieh Sonja Hakimi	Mohammad & Lynda K. (Desjardins)
29	Seth David Mandel	Shawn W. & Cynthia K. (Mabry)

OCTOBER

1	Shea Marie Boultenhouse	William K. & Kimberly J. (Blake)
8	Ethan Daniel Holmes	Dean & Keiko S. (Watari)
10	Jacob Joseph Haner	Joseph T. & Christine M. (Lussier)
11	Joshua Normand Lafond	Russell E. & Judith J. (Bastow)
14	Charles James Berg	John S. & Colleen A. (Brown)
16	Abigail Vars	Keith A. & Jennifer L. (Culverwell)
16	Joshua Michael White	Marc W. & Deborah D. (Mattingly)
16	Jack Bernard Fenoff	William E. & Maria L. (Chamberland)
20	William Trent Rozsa	James G. & Karen M. (Wells)
22	Hannah Elizabeth Sabourin	Michael J. & Faithe K. (Willis)
24	Nicole Virginia Civitarese	Michael J. & Jodi M. (Ridolfi)
26	Emma Charlotte Campbell Oliver	Edward P. & Claudia J. (Campbell)

NOVEMBER

2	Cally Elizabeth Robinson	Frederick C. & Paula J. (Perkins)
4	Anna Rose Grady	David L. & Susan I. (Solomon)
13	Sheleigh Anne Lovejoy	Bryan J. & Tina A. (Fenoff)
14	Andrew Phillip Winslow	Steven L. & Diane P. (Mott)
16	George Allen Saliba	Pierre G. & Paula A. (Crawford)
16	Taylor Lynnor Newcomb	David M. & Shannon L. (Carlin)

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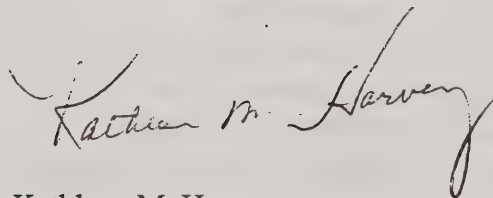
18	Madison Leigh Perkins	James J. & Kelly A. (Grady)
20	Sam Joseph Donovan	Michael J. & Justine E. (Ballarino)
23	Kyle Patrick Baxter	Sean K. & Dawn M. (Taylor)
24	Rachel Ashley Milliken	Christopher A. & Kim A. (McGuire)
30	Jackson Charles Lowry	James W. & Kimberly A. (Daniels)

DECEMBER

2	Ella Rose Magan	Derek A. & Lisa M. (Tarrant)
3	Hannah Carolyn Flaherty	Paul G. & Carolyn N. (Lamothe)
3	Julia Marie Lesperance	Michael A. & Victoria L. (Johnson)
3	Justin Michael Lesperance	Michael A. & Victoria L. (Johnson)
8	Samuel Richard Beaudin	Francis S. & Elise A. (Gallagher)
10	David Harold Lynch	Harold & Leslie A. (Lambert)
20	Daria Claire Monahan	John K. & Carolyn D. (Dunn)
22	Geoffrey Joseph Poisson	David A. & Ellen S. (Sweet)
23	Owen Michael Haley	Kevin A. & Jeanine M. (Desroches)
25	Jack David Spear	David A. & Kristin M. (Eads)
27	Emma Katherine Crowley	Richard B. & Mary L. (Delorme)
30	Matthew Ronald Biagi	Robert A. & Pamela J. (Anzivino)
31	Etienne Roger Fonteneau	Etienne J. & Michelle C. (Gaboury)

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MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
IN THE YEAR 1998

DATE MARRIAGE	NAME OF PRINCIPALS	RESIDENCE
JANUARY		
4	Scott Peter Murawski Terese Marie Schua	Bellingham, MA State College, PA
10	Jamie Patrick Vitale Shanon Lee Reardon	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
17	Richard David Surette Lisa Ellen Vaillancourt	Lunenburg, MA Bellingham, MA
18	Anthony George Medri Laurie Jane Buckingham	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
23	Avery Bruce Osgood Susan Marie Cameron	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
31	Louis Henry Jacques Joyce Gallagher Balunas	Bellingham, MA Medway, MA
FEBRUARY		
7	William Donald Nelson, Jr. Laurie Lee Poirier	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
14	David Michael Lavallee Marlene Mary Woods	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
14	Steven Robert Laramee Emily Laura Marcil	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
15	Michael Joseph Tardif Susan Theresa Toth	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

MARCH

13	Thomas Kenneth Bowen Sally Ann Welby	Bellingham, MA Milford, MA
15	Michael DiDonato, 3rd Susan Marie Hadley	Bellingham, MA Holden, MA
21	Aaron Demian Couture Jennifer Eve Morrisette	Sunapee, NH Bellingham, MA

APRIL

18	Gary Steven Smith Linda Patricia Buote	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
18	Neil Joseph McClafferty V Micaela Lina Wahlstrom	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
18	Thomas Joseph Guerin Margaret Ellen Binette	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
18	Jerome Lee Steele Erin Elizabeth Vanasse	Manville, RI Manville, RI
25	Patrick John Gillis Susan Lynn Rupert	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

MAY

2	Marc Kevin Rousseau Lisa Rita Costa	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
2	Bruce Edward Wilson Melissa Marie Smith	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
16	Roland Albert LaVigne Joanne Carcieri	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
17	Frank Charles Wrye Dianne Amanda Wieland	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
23	Vincent Alexander Allegro Esther Elizabeth Clinton	Whitman, MA Whitman, MA
23	Scott David Stephenson Suzanne Mary Loughlin	Mendon, MA Mendon, MA

MAY

23	Frederick Charles Wilson Lisa Marie Dudley	Hopedale, MA Hopedale, MA
23	Cesar M. Rodrigues Ruth Enilda Fraticelli	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
23	Marc Jason Boisclair Jamie Lee Mobriant	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
30	Steven Leo Lemire Keneta Thapvongsa	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI

JUNE

6	Christopher Douglas Strom Beverly Jane Collins	Uxbridge, MA Bellingham, MA
7	Robert Glenn Bird Dawn Laura Masterson	Norfolk, MA Bellingham, MA
13	James Michael Close Georgia Michele Kimmel	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
20	James Louis Stefflin Lorna June Leighton	Blackstone, MA Bellingham, MA
20	Michael Paul Henry Jessica Valentin	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
27	Eric Maurice Desrosiers Jessica Lynn Ingersoll	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
27	John Raymond Burke Janet Mary Flood	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
27	Raymond Wilfred Westgate Joa-Ann Marie Newton	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI

JULY

11	Jozef Albert Leemans Leverne Bliss	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
11	George Makrin, Jr. Brandie Lee Clerc	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

JULY

11	Michael Christopher Gordon Dawn Marie Anderson	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
17	Richard Thomas Jarry Kathleen Ann Haczynski	Cumberland, RI Cumberland, RI
18	Laurent Paul Ducharme Paula Alice Carr	Manville, RI Manville, RI
18	John Albert Cardin Angela Dawn Goulet	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI

AUGUST

1	David John Pouliot Kimberly Ann-Marie Lambert	Manville, RI Manville, RI
1	Gerald Thomas Pryor, Jr. Rhonda Denise Meyers	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
2	William Robert Jasmin Lucille Helene Bradley	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
2	Gregory Michael Prew Karen Jean Gallagher	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
5	Orlando Merced Alaida Colomba	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
7	Christopher Edward Mathieu Lisa Helene Johnson	Albion, RI Albion, RI
8	Scott Paul Carter, Sr. Kimberly Jean Sloan	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
8	David Eugene Plante Tina Marie D'Amato	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
15	Michael John Grealy Dorothy Jean Gallagher	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
22	Bryan Jeffrey Champagne Pamela Joanne Bentley	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA

AUGUST

28	Paul Michael Tynan Brenda Pearle Taylor	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
29	George Daniel Doherty, Jr. Jacqueline Lee Collins	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
29	Ryan Douglas Derouin Angela Jean Sattler	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
29	James Fredrick Arnold Michele Marie Cronin	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
29	John Philip Rindone, Jr. Ellen Marie Cavanagh	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
29	Michael Paul Bassett Michelle Marie Barnett	Millville, MA Bellingham, MA

SEPTEMBER

5	Charles William Cook Alicia Gottlieb	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
5	Matthew Gary Cournoyer Laurie Ann Lataash	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI
6	Michael Scott Traudt Lisa Jill Robidoux	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
6	Frank Joseph Gauvain Susan Gayle Ross	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
6	Marino Persico Teresa Agresta	Milford, MA Milford, MA
6	Jon Patrick Walden Amy Susanne Bengiovanni	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
12	Elliot Atwood Young Rosa Mae Wells	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
12	Joseph Walter Collins Jennifer Susan White	Louisville, KY Louisville, KY

SEPTEMBER

12	Karl David Koza Tammi Jeanne Hebard	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
12	Jerry Joseph Duval Carol Ann Holmes	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
19	Randall George Miller Rachel Jeanne Pratt	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
19	Randall John Benoit Jennifer Alice Lorange	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
19	Robert Edward MacNeil Andrea Lyn Foster	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
20	Thomas Michael Bissen Lisa-Jo Mysiuk	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
20	Luke Anthony Simpson Judith Anne Guyot	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
26	Scott Thomas Provost Christina Elizabeth Mayo	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
26	Kevin Michael Tardif Melissa Jean Hastings	No. Attleboro, MA No. Attleboro, MA
26	David Brian Wahl Elizabeth Ann Ballard	Woonsocket, RI Bellingham, MA
26	Wilbur George Gardner Melissa Ann Newman	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
26	Roger Raymond Lauze Heather Marie Leary	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

OCTOBER

3	Robert Joseph Thrul Carrie Alison Nye	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
4	Robert Alexander Krim Taryn Anne Zemina	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

OCTOBER

4	Roger Edmund Robert Breau Katherine Ann Rebhan	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
10	Robert Scott Harper Elizabeth Ann Dugas	Mendon, MA Mendon, MA
10	Constant Laurent Petrin Charlotte Marie Lake	Hopedale, MA Bellingham, MA
10	Joseph David Zazza Lori Jeanne Richard	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
10	Edward John Wiencek Diane Marie Arrighi	Uxbridge, MA Uxbridge, MA
10	David Ronald Helmuth Judith Ann Manning	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
10	David Alton Spear, Jr. Kristin Milz Eads	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
10	John Edward Brune Susan Mary Jarosz	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
10	William Vincent Whelan, Jr. Christina Lynn Fitzmaurice	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
11	Robert Edward Sousa, Jr. Julie Allyn Duhaime	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
16	Kenneth James Elliott, Jr. Gina Schieber	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
17	Marcel Conrad Tardie Deborah Ann Kay	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
17	Paul Frederic Norian Virginia Morrison	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
17	Robert Michael Hiltz Renee Elizabeth Fox	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
18	Matthew Kent Kissinger Heather Ann McDonald	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

OCTOBER

23	Timothy Daniel Gotovich Erin Frances Lee	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
24	Kevin Alan Yeaton Holly Elaine Smith	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
24	Christopher James Holzer Jennifer Rose Potter	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
31	Steven Michael Grzyb Amy Elizabeth Sullivan	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA

NOVEMBER

1	Robert Leo Lussier Laura Hammer	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
7	Thomas David Gray Tara Lynn Gadwah	Uxbridge, MA Woonsocket, RI
8	Andrew Hayes Smith Lynda Marie Verissimo	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
14	Charles Samuel Wilson Eileen Mary Lacroix	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
14	Dennis Henry Charbonneau Bree Meredith Calderwood	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
21	Dennis Medor Pratt Clara Jeannine Rhodes	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
21	Edward Eliot Bassett, Jr. Heidi Ann Bohanski	Blackstone, MA Blackstone, MA
21	Timothy Paul Galvin Laurie Easton Galvin	Bellingham, MA Bellingham, MA
21	Brian Paul Caterino Michelle Emily Cote	Somerville, MA Woonsocket, RI
21	Leo Sotir Charlette Betty Ann Fortier	Woonsocket, RI Woonsocket, RI

NOVEMBER

28	John Joseph Parker, Jr.	Bellingham, MA
	Deborah Louise Bingham	Bellingham, MA

28	Patrick Michael Dailey	Bellingham, MA
	Kerry Ann Lozzi	Bellingham, MA

DECEMBER

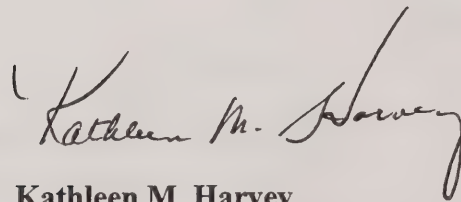
5	Scott Anthony Amati	Milford, MA
	Andrea Beth Farrell	Milford, MA

18	Richard Allan Nydam	Bellingham, MA
	Barbara Ann Dwyer	Bellingham, MA

31	Paul Edward Gravel	Blackstone, MA
	Melanie Ann Michaud	Blackstone, MA

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

IN THE YEAR 1998

DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE
JANUARY		
4	Loren L. Cook	66
8	Michael James Dooley	48
22	Lucien E. Collamati	78
24	Ada Elizabeth (Tait) Widman	84
25	Muriel T. (LeSieur) Lavergne	61
29	Janet Anne (Gangitano) Hanna	54
29	David F. Hanna	61
30	Brian F. Hartland	34
FEBRUARY		
12	Normand G. Caron, Sr.	74
13	Lucille R. (Bell) Pelland	68
13	Florence L. (Greene) Carine	87
14	Honor T. (Nicholson) Molloy	97
16	Charles J. Halfelder	76
19	Robin (Ramsey) Dickie	45
22	Claire G. (Barry) Leduc	79
28	Edward Francis Biggins, Sr.	77
MARCH		
3	Violet M. (Keirstead) Waters	87
6	Elizabeth (Marszalkowski) Boucher	68
18	Robert A. Grundel, Sr.	85
19	William J. Casale	57
20	Robert Hubert Compton	64
25	Linda A. (Bellia) Hartley	34
APRIL		
1	Joseph Paul Ustinowich	74
11	Mary (Pamula) Janik	99
11	Lillian E. (Barry) Wagner	81
11	Marion E. (Andrews) Gordon	78
12	Rosamond Frieda (Coe) Thomas	69
14	Helen Y. (Young) Argo	83

APRIL

15	John P. Conlon	80
19	Blanche (Stockton) Hendry	92
20	Stephen G. Oliver	71

MAY

6	Ronald T. Smith	51
7	Arthur J. Plouffe	73
9	Virginia Malatesta	81
11	Olive May (Chapman) Gilbert	79
22	James T. Ronan, Jr.	74
24	Stephen E. Connors, Jr.	72
27	Sophie Elizabeth Munroe	89
29	Marjorie E. (Pickering) Wixon	50

JUNE

3	Thomas F. Dempsey, Jr.	79
8	John A. Onorato	76
15	Henry John Nelson	86
18	Diana Louise Snyder	55

JULY

5	Jason Keith Ball	23
7	Samuel Sivacek, Jr.	58

AUGUST

3	Frederick J. Collins	82
6	Joseph Christopher Condon	79
20	Jesse Tripp	84
28	Robert Leland Tate	52
31	John Neville Meehan	59

SEPTEMBER

3	Virginia J. (Johnson) Tully	59
5	Robert William Lucey	87

OCTOBER

2	Thomas B. Devitt	55
4	Phyllis R. (Mazzie) Greenhalgh	73
6	Kathleen (Taylor) Haley	86
7	Catherine (Forgeron) Kahlenbeck	85
14	George S. Smith	57
14	Lucy C. (Laquerre) Mercure	77
28	Herta B. (Spies) Wichelhaus	92

NOVEMBER

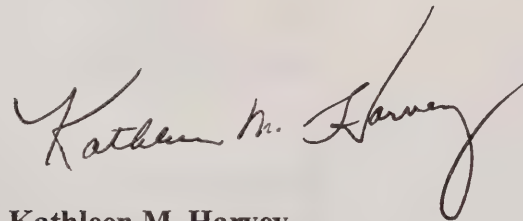
1	Mary L. (Kennealy) Stephansky	58
2	Brenda Washburn King	56
5	Margaret Gray	64
10	Clarke H. Wertheim	77
14	Dorothy Winifred (Nelan) Sohl	64
16	Paul J. Perry	68
21	Rocco P. Bucchino	76
27	Gregg S. Smith	33

DECEMBER

20	Joan M. (Hybers) Wallace	64
29	Joseph P. Murphy	63
31	James Loudon Murdock	78

A true record.

ATTEST:



Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF
BOARD OF REGISTRARS
TOWN HALL
P. O. BOX 367
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

Report of the Board of Registrars 1998

The Board of Registrars elected Republican Gordon D. Curtis as Chairman for 1998. Other members are Republican Norman J. Berry and Democrats Kathleen M. Harvey and Bruce W. Lord. Town Clerk, Mrs. Harvey also serves as clerk to the board. Appointed by the Board as Assistant Registrar of Voters at the High School was Edward L. Fleury of the High School Guidance Department.

Voter Registration sessions were held as required by law for all town meetings and town elections throughout the year. A special Voter Registration Day was held at the High School prior to the deadline for the Annual Town Election in May. Mrs. Harvey was assisted by Edward L. Fleury of the high school guidance department.

A breakdown of voters, by precinct and party affiliation as of December 31, 1998 was as follows:

PCT. #	Democrat	Inter.3rd Party	Libertarian	Reform	Republican	Socialist	Unenrolled	TOTAL
1	513	0	7	0	237	0	941	1698
2	550	0	4	0	218	0	978	1750
3	488	1	3	0	231	0	985	1708
4	529	0	2	0	254	1	1005	1791
5	781	0	4	2	167	0	822	1776
TOTALS								
	2861	1	20	2	1107	1	4731	8723

An increase in voter registration was seen this year with approximately 300 more residents added to the rolls. The availability of registering to vote at the Department of Motor Vehicles and mail-in voter registration was credited for this increase.

TOWN CENSUS

The Board of Registrars conducted the annual census by mail this January and mailed 5411 census forms – one to each household in town. Success of the mail-in census rests solely on the cooperation of all the residents and the board wishes to thank all citizens for providing prompt and accurate information.

The towns population as of January 1, 1998 was certified as 14,686. This was an increase of 96 persons over the 1997 total of 14,590.

(A complete tabulation of the towns population back to 1765, is shown separately in the Town Clerk's report.)

The town resident population of all persons 18 years of age or older is 10,866 persons. Of this figure, 8,723 persons are registered to vote which is 80.3% of the eligible electorate.

In 1998, females again outnumber the males in town by 326 compared to 234 in 1997. Female tallies are 7,506 compared to the male resident population of 7,180.

AGE STATISTICS

Infants	0 through 5	1268
School Age Children	6 through 17	2552
College Age	18 through 21	643
Adults	22 through 59	8294
Seniors	60 through 89	1911
Super Seniors	90 and over	18
TOTAL		<u>14,686</u>

In closing, the Board of Registrars wish to thank Alice Manning for her work with the annual town census. A special "Thank You" to Florence MacLaughlin, Assistant Town Clerk, for here assistance to this board and the citizens of Bellingham during this very busy election year.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon D. Curtis, Chairman

Norman J. Berry

Bruce W. Lord

Kathleen M. Harvey, Clerk to the Board

1998

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM ANNUAL TOWN CENSUS

1998

Year of Birth Age as of 1/1/98 MALE FEMALE TOTALS

1899	98	0	1	1
1900	97	0	0	0
1901	96	0	0	0
1902	95	0	2	2
1903	94	0	1	1
1904	93	0	0	0
1905	92	1	2	3
1906	91	0	7	7
1907	90	2	2	4
1908	89	0	4	4
1909	88	4	7	11
1910	87	6	7	13
1911	86	6	10	16
1912	85	6	14	20
1913	84	10	14	24
1914	83	10	21	31
1915	82	11	21	32
1916	81	11	24	35
1917	80	18	20	38
1918	79	19	25	44
1919	78	14	20	34
1920	77	17	42	59
1921	76	35	37	72
1922	75	25	33	58
1923	74	28	51	79
1924	73	35	41	76
1925	72	27	32	59
1926	71	42	51	93
1927	70	49	54	103
1928	69	36	42	78
1929	68	37	53	90
1930	67	43	62	105
1931	66	49	48	97
1932	65	51	49	100
1933	64	44	44	88
1934	63	49	57	106
1935	62	57	50	107
1936	61	59	65	124
1937	60	59	56	115
1938	59	72	58	130
1939	58	64	71	135
1940	57	71	69	140
1941	56	69	79	148
1942	55	83	91	174
1943	54	83	101	184
1944	53	62	75	137
1945	52	68	89	157
1946	51	111	86	197
1947	50	101	98	199
1948	49	108	128	236

Super
Seniors
90+
1860 thru
89 years
1911

Year of Birth Age as of 1/1/98 MALE FEMALE TOTALS

1949	48	102	120	222
1950	47	104	106	210
1951	46	116	111	227
1952	45	129	104	233
1953	44	119	123	242
1954	43	102	129	231
1955	42	142	113	255
1956	41	141	150	291
1957	40	156	131	287
1958	39	147	138	285
1959	38	141	136	277
1960	37	150	153	303
1961	36	169	172	341
1962	35	155	165	320
1963	34	136	149	285
1964	33	145	152	297
1965	32	143	137	280
1966	31	116	142	258
1967	30	114	135	249
1968	29	109	117	226
1969	28	94	119	213
1970	27	97	105	202
1971	26	67	89	156
1972	25	69	77	146
1973	24	70	75	145
1974	23	76	75	151
1975	22	60	65	125
1976	21	70	84	154
1977	20	83	75	158
1978	19	80	81	161
1979	18	87	83	170
1980	17	92	90	182
1981	16	94	93	187
1982	15	82	84	166
1983	14	121	94	215
1984	13	97	97	194
1985	12	98	107	205
1986	11	109	135	244
1987	10	117	106	223
1988	9	118	122	240
1989	8	128	124	252
1990	7	118	98	216
1991	6	121	107	228
1992	5	115	116	231
1993	4	109	97	206
1994	3	119	106	225
1995	2	95	106	201
1996	1	106	97	203
1997	0	100	102	202

18 thru
59 years**8937**6 thru 17
years**2552**0 thru 5
years**1268**

1752 2014 3766

A true Record.
Attest:

Kathleen M. Harvey
Kathleen M. Harvey
Bellingham Town Clerk

Total Male 7180
Total Female 7506

5428 5492 10920

GRAND TOTAL 14,686



Bellingham Animal Control

Tel. 966 - 5823

6 Mechanic St., Bellingham, Mass. 02019

Lee A. Fleurette

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen;

Gentlemen;

As Animal Control Officer, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1998.

Complaints received and investigated	1118
Citations issued	11
Dogs picked up, not claimed by owner	23
Dogs picked up, claimed by owner	67
Dogs found off leash	126
Cats picked up	54
Other animals picked up	47
Dead animals picked up	186
Wild animals Euthanized	15
Animals placed on Quarantine	28

Respectfully submitted

Lee A Fleurette

Animal Control Officer



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Lee A. Fleurette

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

(1998)

Number of Beef cattle	3
Number of horses	68
Number of ponies	7
Number of goats	14
Number of sheep	26
Number of mules	3
Number of Llamas	1
Number of swine	1

Animal bites;

A total of 28 animal bites were investigated. All animals were restrained for a period of ten days, and none were found rabid.

Rabies;

A total of 10 animals were brought to the State Rabies Labs, nine were found negative and one was found positive, a bat,

Lee A. Fleurette

Animal Inspector

BELLINGHAM AUXILIARY POLICE ANNUAL REPORT

EUGENE F. BARTLETT
CHIEF

JAMES EAMES
DEPUTY CHIEF

I EXTEND MY THANKS TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DENNIS FRAINE, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, JACQUELINE, AND THE TOWN'S PEOPLE FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE. I ALSO EXTEND THANKS TO CHIEF RICHARD BOUCHER, LT. JAMES HAUGHEY, SGT. PETER LEMON (OUR LIASON OFFICER), PATROL OFFICER KEN LAMARRE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE BELLINGHAM POLICE DEPT. FOR ALL THE UNTOLD HOURS OF TRAINING, ASSISTANCE, CO-OPERATION, GUIDANCE AND PROFESSIONAL COURTESIES AND ATTITUDE AFFORDED TO ME AND THE MEMBERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS OF THE BELLINGHAM POLICE THAT GO OVER AND BEYOND TO ASSIST MYSELF AND THIS DEPARTMENT IN ALL PHASES OF OUR TRAINING.

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD (AKA SGT. GENTILE AWARD) WAS PRESENTED TO OFFICER FRED SAVOIE AT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AT THE SPORTSMANS CLUB.

OFFICERS ASSISTED AT THE SPOOK TRAIL HELD AT THE SPORTSMANS CLUB IN OCTOBER. THEY ALSO ASSISTED THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON WITH THEIR ANNUAL BAA BOSTON MARATHON IN APRIL., COVERAGE WAS ALSO PROVIDED ALONG WITH THE REGULAR POLICE DEPARTMENT AT ALL HOME FOOTBALL GAMES, THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION IN JUNE, HALLOWEEN TOWN COVERAGE AND THE BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL DAY PARADE HELD IN MAY.

THANKS TO LT. STEVEN SCHREFFLER FOR COMPUTER ENHANCING AND UPDATING PHOTO ID'S. ALL MEMBERS CAN NOW SHOW POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. THANKS TO ABP SIGN FOR EVERYTHING.

PRESENTLY ALL OFFICERS ARE ACADEMY TRAINED AS RESERVE INTERMITTENT OFFICERS. ALL NEW OFFICERS WILL ALSO BE TRAINED AT THE ACADEMY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANKS TO CHIEF BOUCHER FOR ALLOWING THIS DEPARTMENT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THANKS ALSO TO ANGELA FOR HER UNTIRING EFFORT TO THIS DEPARTMENT.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AUX. OFFICERS DANA LOVEJOY AND DAVID MOLL ON THEIR ACCEPTANCE TO THE RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CLASS IN HOLLISTON MA., THRU THE (MCJTC) OF WEST BOYLSTON. CONTRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO AUX. OFFICER SKIP SCHREFFLER UPON HIS GRADUATION FROM THE CANTON ACADEMY (MCJTC).

BELLINGHAM AUXILIARY POLICE ANNUAL REPORT

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SGT. MATKOWSKI AND MYSELF ASSISTED THE TOWN OF MILFORD WITH THEIR ANNUAL PARADE (SANTA'S ARRIVAL). CONGRATULATIONS TO MILFORD OFFICER DAVID SACCO ON HIS PROMOTION TO SGT. SGT. SACCO WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF THIS DEPT.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE DUTIES, WE ALSO MAINTAIN PATROLS OF ALL SCHOOLS, TOWN PROPERTIES, PROVIDE CHURCH COVERAGE ON SUNDAYS ON A WEEKLY BASIS AND ASSIST AT ACCIDENTS WHEN NEEDED.

AT THIS TIME I ALSO EXTEND A THANK YOU TO THE WOONSOCKET POLICE DEPT., LT. SANCOUCI AND ALL THE MEMBERS THAT HAVE ASSISTED THIS DEPT. AT THEIR RANGE. AT THE PRESENT TIME ALL MEMBERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT HAVE COMPLETED THE C.P.R.(CARDIO-PULMONARY RESUSITATION) AND FIRST RESPONDER CLASSES CONDUCTED BY PATROL OFFICE JAMES MARTIN, THRU THE MASS. CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL. ALL MEMBERS HAVE QUALIFIED AT THE FIRING RANGE AND HAVE ATTENDED ALL SAFETY CLASSES ON GUN HANDLING GIVEN BY PATROL OFFICER KENNETH LAMARRE OF THE BELLINGHAM POLICE DEPT. LT. HAUGHEY HAS PROVIDED SEVERAL TRAINING FILMS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE , OFFICER SAFETY AND SURVIVAL, MOTOR STOPS. OFFICER MARTIN HAS ALSO CONDUCTED TRAINING CLASSES ON OFFICER SAFETY AND SURVIVAL. IN HOUSE TRAINING, UNIFORMS AND WEAPONS INSPECTIONS, PROPER RADIO PROCEDURES, REPORT WRITING AND SELF DEFENSE CLASSES WERE CONDUCTED BY THE TRAINING STAFF.

SGT. JOSEPH MATKOWSKI, OFFICERS MARK DUQUETTE, JOHN FOWLER, ASSISTED THE REGULAR POLICE OFFICERS, JAMES MARTIN, KENNETH LAMARRE, JENNIFER URQUEHART WITH THE ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON SPONSORED BY THE ST. JUDE ORGANIZATION AND THE LOCAL CUB SCOUTS OF BELLINGHAM.

OUR PRIMARY FUNCTION IS TO ASSIST THE REGULAR POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. IT IS NOT OUR INTENT OR DESIRE TO TAKE OVER ANY WORK THAT IS CUSTOMARILY ASSIGNED TO THE REGULAR POLICE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, WE DO GIVE FREELY OF OUR TIME WHEN ASKED TO SUPPLEMENT THE REGULAR POLICE DEPARTMENT IN OUR TOWN.

THE BELLINGHAM AUXILIARY POLICE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. IF YOU WISH OUR SERVICES, PLEASE CONTACT THE REGULAR POLICE OR CALL CHIEF EUGENE BARTLETT AT HIS HOME.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO BECOME AN AUXILIARY OFFICER CAN OBTAIN AN APPLICATION BY CALLING CHIEF BARTLETT. PERSONS SEEKING AN APPLICATION MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM FOR AT LEAST ONE (1) YEAR, AND MUST BE TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS OF AGE.

AS CHIEF OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE, I COMMEND THIS DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM, ATTITUDE, DEDICATION AND COURTESIES EXTENDED TO ME THIS PAST YEAR. IN CLOSING, I EXTEND MY THANKS TO ALL THE BOARDS, DEPARTMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS OF THE TOWN OF BELLINGHAM THAT HAVE ASSISTED THIS DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

SINCERLY,

Eugene Bartlett

BELLINGHAM AUXILIARY POLICE ROOSTER

CHIEF: EUGENE F. BARTLETT

DEPUTY CHIEF: JAMES EAMES, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

CAPTAIN: EARLE VATER, COMMUNICATIONS/
SELF-DEFENSE

1ST LT: G. STEVEN SCHREFFLER, SECRETARY

LINE SERGEANTS: JOSEPH MATKOWSKI, SUPPLY, CRUISER
DATA REPORTS
JOHN KAUKER, TREASURER
RONALD MASON

PATROL OFFICERS: FRED SAVOIE
MARK DUQUETTE
KEN JONES
TOM KIERSTEAD
JOHN FOWLER
JASON BOITEAU
HARRY (SKIP) SCHREFFLER
DANA LOVEJOY
DAVID MOLL
JOSEPH KAUKER
LEO GILL
MARK FEGAN



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF THE
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(508) 966-5820

BOARD OF HEALTH

Annual Report of 1998

Vincent A. Forte, Jr. was re-elected Chairman of the Board of Health in 1998. Jeanne M. Deffley was elected as Vice-Chairman and Walter J. DePaolo as a member. Mr. Michael Graf served as Health Agent during the majority of 1998; taking over the position from Interim Health Agent Mr. William Fisher.

The E.M.S. Committee sponsored two (2) anti-choke training courses during the year. These courses are to train the owners and employees of food establishments in the proper procedures of removing food lodged in the throat. All Food Service Establishments are required to have on duty a minimum of one (1) employee currently certified in the Heimlich Maneuver during operational hours.

The Blackstone Valley Tobacco Control Program hired a new director, Ms. Susan Kelly in November of 1998 to coordinate tobacco control issues in the five (5) towns in this program (Bellingham, Blackstone, Mendon, Northbridge and Uxbridge). The Board accepted the resignation from former director Ms. Sally Mendzela on August 31, 1998. The Board agreed to postpone the enactment of a regulation on "smoking/separately enclosed & ventilated" in our restaurants for one year. The Board did pass a regulation to require separately enclosed smoking areas in all new restaurants in town after August 1998. The Board also adopted an innovative color-coded signage regulation that will inform patrons of Bellingham restaurants of second hand smoke hazards.

Vincent Forte, Jr. developed a hand-out for Septic Loan Program participants to allow the Board of Health to prioritize the order of homeowners in the program, and a point system to rank their needs in an unbiased manner. A total of 17 homeowners applied and the first six (6) were approved by the Board with an estimated 74,000 dollars assigned for their repairs. The remaining homeowners will be approved in winter 1999.

Vincent Forte, Jr., served as Liaison from the Board of Health to the Health Advisory Council which held its first Bellingham Wellness Day in May 1998. All three (3) members of the Board of Health and the former Tobacco Control Director presented a variety of educational materials to the general public on that day.

The Board of Health wishes to thank the Visiting Nurses Association of Greater Milford for their many years of service to the Town and also wishes to welcome the Town's new service, Visiting Nurse Service of Greater Woonsocket. V.N.S.G.W. was

selected through a competitive bid process saving the Town one-third the total cost annually and still providing the same high quality of health care to the Town's residents.

The Board of Health would also like to thank the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Office for their hard work of spraying and controlling mosquitos in Bellingham at no cost to our Town.

The Board of Health members responded to assistance calls from the Town's Fire Department on four (4) occasions due to hazardous materials releases in the Town during the past year as part of the required notification process under the Massachusetts Right-To-Know Law.

The Board thanks the following for their help in the past year: Jeanne M. Deffley, former Vice-Chairman of the Board of Health; Diane Robin, former minutes clerk; Charlotte Mangano, former principal BOH clerk; and Earl Vater, former assistant Health Agent. Our special thanks to Stuart LeClaire, Florent (Curly) Levesque, and Paul St.George for their assistance to the Board of Health in 1998.

The Board of Health extends its gratitude and thanks to all concerned citizens and public officials for their cooperation and assistance in promoting the health, welfare, and safety of our citizens.

The number of permits that were issued by the Board of Health are as follows:

31	Retail Food Permits
52	Food Service Permits
6	Temporary Food Permits
2	Mobil Food Permits
29	Tobacco Vendor Permits
50	Disposal Works Installers Permits
72	Repaired Septic Systems
51	New Septic Systems
21	Septic Transporter Permits
4	Rubbish Transporter Permits
3	Tanning Permits
4	Massage Practice Permits
2	Massage Establishment Permits
2	Rec. Campground & Motel Permits
3	Semi-Public Swimming Pool Permits
2	Syringe Permits
2	Burial Agents Permits

There were 70 Restaurant Inspections conducted and 8 Food Complaints investigated in 1998.

\$41,731.40 in fees was collected by the Board of Health.

Board of Selectmen 1998 Town Report

Perhaps as reflected in the burgeoning economy of 1998, there has been a significant amount of activity on many fronts effecting the Town. Some of these activities were customary and expected; some were the result of unforeseen developments and opportunities; others were the product of ongoing efforts carried over from the previous year(s).

There were many achievements over the course of the year. In concert with the Planning Board, the selectmen provided leadership in the formation and drafting of the Town's new Master Plan, only its second and coming twenty-five years after the first such plan. In March, it was adopted by the Planning Board unanimously and was the result of a twenty-month effort by the Master Plan Steering Committee.

Similarly, the Bellingham Cable License Renewal Committee, under the capable leadership of Selectman John Tuttle, completed its review after twenty-months. In November, the Board entered into contract with Time-Warner, Inc., the current carrier, under a ten year agreement. The new contract maintained the requirement of significant level of funding for use by Cable Access. Also, this contract incorporated a merger with the Town of Mendon, creating the Bellingham-Mendon Cacle Access , Inc.

The Maple Street road improvement project achieved the 50% design level point in December, resulting in a highly interactive public forum with residents. Of particular interest were the placement of the sidewalk and stone walls in relation tho the residences. The project effects the South-495 section of Maple Street and must operate under the strict guidelines of the street's "scenic road" designation. It is anticipated the actual work will begin in Spring/Summer 1999. Funding is provided by a State PWED grant of just over one million dollars.

Early in the year, the Town's third major retail complex opened. The Charles River Center attracted numerous high-quality retail enterprises and was seventy percent occupied by year end. With this development, the Town has clearly developed into a major retail environment for consumers in the entire region. The developer made further road improvements to Hartford Avenue and added a full light at the Maple Street intersection. The latter significantly improved traffic flow and safety for those frequenting that intersection.

Meanwhile, similar to most communities of the 495 Corridor, traffic has become a major problem for the Town, especially during commuter hours. Heavy traffic exists on all major and secondary roadways throughout the town. The increase in traffic follows the continued housing development throughout the area as well as the creation of new jobs regionally. As part of the solution, the Board sought to have monies appropriated to undertake further traffic studies of the 126-140 intersection at the Town Center. The Board also sought funds for the preliminary design-work for Pulaski Blvd., from Crooks

Corner to the Franklin line. This project will also incorporate additional lanes for the intersection itself.

In keeping with the goal of making the town's residential centers more pedestrian friendly, the Board opted to set aside the land formerly occupying the South School for a park. Hence, a Crooks Corner Park Committee was formed, with Selectman Jerald Mayhew as chairman. Funding was secured at town meeting. Dedication is expected by June, 1999. This project serves to forever preserve the last remaining open-space in the southern section of the town, similar to the Town Common impact at the Center.

The year saw the first summer in many years when there was no water ban. This is no doubt the result of the addition of Well #12 in the previous year along with continued efforts to locate and repair water pipe leakage. Though there has been much improvement in reducing the percentage of water loss, further progress is needed and efforts by the D.P.W. remain ongoing.

After seven years, the town reached its funding foundation level for education, as required by the Education Reform funding formula. The town has consistently met the specified annual level per the formula and has often exceeded the required levels. The Board remains committed to providing sufficient funding for education purposes. Voters have authorized the construction of a new High School and the renovation-creation of a Middle School. The Board anticipates authorizing the appropriate bonds in early 1999 so that construction can begin, subject to having an adequate tax revenue stream.

Since the enactment of Title V regulating wastewater disposal, it has been recognized that many homeowners have lots that are too small to accommodate upgrades or that the costs associated with such repairs are exorbitant. In response, the Board sought funding for the planning of Phase III sewer development. S.E.A. Consultants will provide the necessary engineering expertise. The Board appointed the Citizens Advisory Committee which will identify areas of high need and study possible solutions; Selectmen Jerald Mayhew and Roger Oakley are members of the C.A.C. Unlike past wastewater work, Phase III will likely include a combination of local "neighborhood" septic systems, small local wastewater treatment facilities, as well as the more traditional solution of piping to the town's two regional wastewater facilities. The C.A.C.'s work is expected to take eighteen months,

Throughout the year, the Board has expended significant effort in dealing with two separate proposals seeking construction of two large combined cycle gas fired electric power generating facilities. With both developers, it was necessary to work out resource utilization and tax agreements; one is complete while the second remains in process. Projects of their magnitude provide the potential for significant tax revenues for the town but also entail the need to review their potential impact locally and regionally. Hence, environmental studies were undertaken in both cases, the first on a joint basis with Franklin, the second on our own. For the latter, the Board contracted with the firms of Alternative Resources, Inc./ KM Chng to review seven aspects pertaining to impact, including air quality, noise, water use, wastewater discharge, and others. That report was

underway and expected by late January, 1999.

Similarly, with the second proponent, the Board had major issues with the proposed size of the plant, which appeared to have changed significantly from the original designation. Despite tense negotiations, it became necessary for the Board to withdraw its support for the larger proposal. Over time, the developer agreed to revert to its original design as to size of the plant. Further, the Board continues to define and refine its agreements with the second developer.

In addition, the Board has had to contend with a local advocacy group which frequently voiced opposition to the project and raised numerous concerns about its negative impact on the health and welfare of citizens locally and regionally. As a result, members of the Board have undertaken extensive study of the various issues and sought input from appropriate State regulating agencies. The Board as a whole sought reassurance from the D.E.P. Commissioner that cumulative impact issues would be adequately addressed by appropriate agencies; this was confirmed in writing. Also, the Board organized a public forum where representatives of the State agencies presented the regulating process and where representatives of the project presented their facts on the impact issues. This forum was heavily attended citizens of Bellingham and neighboring communities. A similar forum is planned to hear the report from A.R.I./KM Chng in early 1999.

The above activities as well as suits from the Town of Franklin against the first proposal have resulted in significant delays to the start of construction of either project. Hence, the town must await any new tax revenue from either of these industrial developments. Unfortunately, the lack of significant new tax revenue does not allow the signing of the longterm bonds required to fund the town's school development projects. Hence, construction on the new High School and makeover of the Middle School cannot start for some time. The town's current tax base is insufficient to fund the bonds with a value of 35 million dollars. Hence, the Board remains committed to the development of both power plant projects with minimal impact on the health and welfare of the community. It also persistently strives to aggressively remove those barriers which unnecessarily impede their development.

On a more positive note, as the result of the efforts of Selectman Ann Odabashian with Rep. Marie Parente's assistance, the town secured a Community Development Block Grant with a total value of \$584,000. These funds will allow the return of a former program, Housing Rehabilitation, which assists needy and elderly citizens with housing upgrades to meet current code levels of compliance. The Grant also created a DayCare Subsidy Program, a first locally, which will assist low income parents and single mothers with meeting daycare needs resulting from gainful employment.

At the October Town Meeting, the voters allocated \$210,000 to the town's Stabilization Fund. That fund now has 2.3 million dollars, which can serve as a "cushion" for the town should the economy have a downturn similar to the late eighties. Furthermore, in keeping with the Board's conservative fiscal strategies and for the third

year in a row, the town did not fully apply the total 2.5% allowed as an increase to the tax levy. This directly results in maintaining a stable tax rate and lowers the tax liability for property owners.

Lastly, under the auspices of the Finance Office and in conjunction with the Board of Assessors, the town sought and was granted special legislation to enable the review of property assessments for FY98. Glitches in software transfers resulted in numerous inappropriate assessments. The Assessors' Office staff worked nights and week-ends for several months to rectify the problems and to courteously respond to the many inquiries of property owners. They continue the effort to assure that each property description is accurate and complete. Both the Assessors' Board and the Office staff deserve recognition for pursuing the huge task diligently and forthrightly. They have performed admirably.

In December, John Tuttle submitted his resignation from the Board, for personal reasons. Mr. Tuttle had served for seven and a half years in the position, and had held the Chair on two separate occasions. He clearly had earned the respect of the voters and his peers on the Board. His style of running meetings in a business-like, professional manner set the tone for the Board for the last six years. We are grateful for his many contributions for the better good of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Guy A. Fleurette, Ch.



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

Bellingham, Ma 02019

ANNUAL REPORT - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

During this year the Capital Improvement Committee met with all department heads and prepared a 5-year capital improvement budget listing all requests for funding over \$100,000.00. A full 5-year capital program is attached.

The CIC holds regular monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to review capital spending plans on any item or improvement over \$100,000.00.

Respectfully Submitted

Ernie Torricelli, Chairman
Douglas J. MacLachan, Vice Chairman
Beth Smith, FinCom
Henri J. Masson, FinCom

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GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	G	250000	4275000	18535000	1950000	2800000	75000	1500000
TAXATION	T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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CAPITAL REQUESTS

SELECTMEN

ALMAC LAND ACQUISITION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COPY MACHINE	20000	F	0	0	0	20000	F	0
TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS-ARCH/ENG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS-CONSTRUCTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS-CONSTRUCTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS-CONSTRUCTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOWN COMMON CONSTRUCTION	0	700000	G	0	0	0	0	0
SOUTH & CENTER SCHOOLS-DEMOLITION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF'S CAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIRE PUMPER	250000	G*	0	0	0	0	0	0
AMBULANCE	0	0	0	150000	G*	0	0	0
FIRE-REPEATERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIRE-BUCKET TRUCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIRE-PORTABLE PUMP/QUICK PUMP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CABLE NETWORK HOOKUP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LADDER TRUCK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 WD VEHICLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROTECTIVE GEAR	16000	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
VEHICLE REPEATERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LARGE DIAMETER HOSE	8500	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AMBULANCE REPAIRS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REPLACE NORTH STREET STATION	0	0	0	0	0	1500000	G*	0
REPLACE SOUTH STREET STATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

AMB RECEIPTS RESERVED TO FUND GOB

COUNCIL ON AGING

C.O.A. HANDICAP VAN	0	0	0	0	35000	F	0	0
C.O.A. CENTER-DESIGN/PLANS	50000	F	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.O.A.-SENIOR CENTER CONSTRUCTION	0	0	0	500000	G	0	0	0

G*1 -- Year 1, 2 & 3 of Debt Payment will be from Taxation -- Year 4 & 5 will be from Ambulance Receipts Reserved

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POLICE									
POLICE-1 CRUISER-AUX		27500	0	0	0	0	0	0	
POLICE- 2 MARKED CRUISER (S)/1 UNMARKED		55000	82500	82500	85000	85000	85000	85000	F
POLICE- PORTABLE RADIOS**AUXILIARY**		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	F
POLICE-3 BERETTAS (40 CALIBER)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
POLICE-24 REVOLVERS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
POLICE-CRUISER CAMERA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
REPEATERS/LIGHTNING PROTECT		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
POLICE/ANTENNA		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
POLICE-MOBILE NETWORKING		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
POLICE-DRESS UNIFORMS		0	7000	0	0	0	0	0	
POLICE-COPY MACHINE		0	4000	0	0	0	0	0	
POLICE-BULLETPROOF VESTS		6000	0	0	0	0	0	0	
POLICE-MOBILE VIDEO UNITS		8000	0	0	0	0	0	0	
POLICE-DESIGN PLANS		0	0	75000	F	0	0	0	
POLICE-POLICE STATION CONSTRUCTION		0	0	0	1000000	G*	0	0	
AUXILIARY POLICE									
5 RADIOS		0	2625	0	0	0	0	0	
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER									
PICK-UP/UTILITY TRUCK		0	0	0	0	0	23000	0	F

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WATER/SEWER								
CORROSION CONTROL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PAINT STAND PIPE		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*180000-(G) 110000-(F)								
WELL #12 ENGLAND TAKING		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WELL #12 CONSTRUCTION		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCADA LIME FEED		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REMEDIATED SYSTEMS/LEAD REMOVAL		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CROSS CONNECTIONS-JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL		0	35000	0	0	0	0	0
WELL #9-89 (#13) ENGINEERING/LAND TAKING		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WELL #13 CONSTRUCTION		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REHAB/RETRO FIT WELLS		0	300000	0	0	0	0	0
CHESTNUT STREET STANDPIPE		0	0	0	0	700000	0	0
PHASE 3 SEWER CONSTRUCTION		0	265000	0	0	0	0	0
WELL #14 SITE LOCATION/DEP APPROVAL		0	0	0	0	350000	0	0
TRENCH BOX		0	200000	15000000	0	0	0	0
GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM		11000	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTH STREET WATER MAIN		0	0	0	0	70000	0	0
WATER SYSTEM MASTER PLAN		0	95000	0	0	0	0	0
BLACKSTONE STREET SCHOOL BLDG SEWER		150000	0	0	0	35000	0	0
RETRO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS		0	50000	0	0	0	0	0
MAPLE STREET SEWER		0	800000	0	0	0	0	0

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ASSESSORS								
PROPERTY REVALUATION		150000	0	50000	50000	0	25000	0
FIRE-PROOF CABINETS		0	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
RECORD PRESERVATION		0	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000	12000
MAP/LEGAL FILES		0	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
TREASURER/COLLECTOR								
METERING, STUFFING/FOLDING MACHINE		0	0	0	0	0	0	15000
POSTAGE METERING MACHINE		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ELECTIONS								
VOTING MACHINES		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DATA PROCESSING								
GENERATOR BACK-UP		0	0	0	0	0	0	13500
MIS/GIS MAPPING		0	50000	50000	50000	25000	25000	25000

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HIGHWAY								
HWY- 1 TON DUMP TRUCK		0	0	38000	0	0	0	0
HWY-PATCH PLOW TRUCK		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-CATCH BASIN CLEANING TRUCK		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-SWEEPER		105000	0	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-WOOD CHIPPER		0	15000	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-SKID LOADER/SIDEWALK SWEEPER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-DUMP TRUCK/SANDER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-DUMP TRUCK/SANDER		0	0	75000	0	0	75000	0
HWY-PICKUP AND UTILITY TRUCK		0	0	0	45000	0	0	0
HWY-ASPHALT ROLLER		15000	0	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-BACKHOE		0	135000	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-GRADER CAP		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-VARIOUS DRAINAGE		0	0	30000	30000	30000	30000	30000
RETRO MUNICIPAL BLDGS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-FRONT END LOADER		0	0	0	150000	0	0	0
SOUTH MAIN SIDEWALK		0	400000	0	0	0	0	0
PULASKI BLVD LAND TAKING/CONSTRUCTION		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHAPTER 90 ROAD SUPPLEMENTAL		0	350000	350000	350000	0	0	0
GIS/DRAINAGE		0	180000	0	0	0	0	0
ROADWAY ACCEPANCE		0	0	0	0	250000	0	0
DPW BLDG UPGRADE		0	100000	0	0	0	0	0
ROUTE 140 & ROUTE 126 ENGINEERING		60000	300000	0	0	0	0	0
HWY-AIR COMPRESSOR		12500	0	0	0	0	0	0
TREE REMOVAL-SILVER LAKE		15000	0	0	0	0	0	0
SILVER LAKE DAM REPAIR		250000	0	100000	0	0	0	0
JENKS RESERVOIR DAM		0	0	110000	0	0	0	0
HIGH STREET BRIDGE REPAIR		0	85000	0	0	0	0	0
MAPLE STREET RECONSTRUCTION		0	500000	0	0	0	0	0
SNOW/ICE EQUIPMENT UPGRADE		0	60000	0	0	0	0	0
MAPLE STREET (495 OVERPASS TO RTE 126)		0	0	1500000	0	0	0	0
SIDEWALK REPAIR (PILGRIM/HARTFORD)		0	0	250000	0	0	0	0

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SCHOOL									
SCHOOL-ATHLETIC FIELDS	0	0	80000	F	0	0	0	80000	F
STALLBROOK ROOF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MACY ROOF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL-PHASE I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
STALLBROOK-INTERIOR WORK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
SOUTH ELEM-INTERIOR RENOVATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UTILITY VEHICLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PINECREST REHABILITATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
COMPUTERS/NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
COMPUTERS/PHASE II & III	0	0	0	0	300000	G*	0	0	
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK	0	0	0	0	0	0	50000	F	0
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK/RUBBERIZATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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BLACKSTONE FIELD EXPANSION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MODULAR CLASSROOMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FEASIBILITY STUDY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NEW JR/SR HS-REMODEL MIDDLE SCHOOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TEXTBOOKS	178000	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CLARA MACY MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS	15000	F	8000	F	7000	F	0	0	
STALLBROOK MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS	35000	F	8000	F	8000	F	0	0	
SOUTH ELEMENTARY MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS	10000	F	10000	F	12000	F	0	0	
PRIMAVERA MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS	16000	F	14000	F	6000	F	0	0	
EARLY CHILDHOOD-PRESCHOOL MAINTENANCE	8000	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	
KEOUGH ADMINISTRATION MAINTENANCE	16000	F	0	8500	F	150000	G*	0	
TEXTBOOKS-HIGHSCHOOL	18000	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	
MAINTENANCE PROVIDED BY PARKS	7000	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	

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HEALTH/SANITATION								
LANDFILL CLOSURE		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONSERVATION								
LAND ACQUISITION TRUST		10000 F	10000 F	10000 F	10000 F	10000 F	10000 F	10000 F
PLANNING BOARD								
MASTER PLAN STUDY		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIBRARY								
UPGRADE PC'S (286 TO 486)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOOKSHELVES		6000 F						
PARKS								
48" MOWER		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
POSTHOLE DIGGER (KUBOTA)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BACKHOE (KUBOTA)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RENOVATION OF BALLFIELDS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HIGH STREET/RICHARDSON FIELD UPGRADE								
PLAYGROUND UPGRADE		10000 F	20000 F	20000 F	20000 F	0	0	0
UTILITY VEHICLE								
BALLFIELD LIGHTS		0	0	0				
TOTAL REQUESTS		1538500	4963125	18954000	2297000	3172000	345000	1970500



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

TOWN HALL ANNEX

4 Mechanic Street

Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Report of the Chief Financial Officer

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61, of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the annual report of the Chief Financial Officer for the fiscal year July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998.

The Treasurer-Collector's cash was examined and found to be in balance. An audit of fiscal 1998 was performed and the results were publicly presented to the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. The audit results from Fiscal 1998 are included in this report.

Various financial reports are included in my annual report and cover all departments under the Finance Office including the Treasurer-Collector and Assessors. All accounts are maintained under the Uniform Municipal Accounting system as promulgated by the state of Massachusetts. The method of accounting used is a cash basis/modified accrual fund basis that brings the town's accounting methods more closely into a GAAP basis of accounting that is used nationally.

Fiscal 1998 was a successful year for the town of Bellingham from a financial perspective. We continue to aggressively pursue delinquent taxes, monitor expenditures and continually explore ways to provide the citizens of Bellingham with high quality, low cost services. We did experience a disconcerting situation regarding the revaluation that was performed for the town for fiscal 1998. The staff in the Assessors Office and the Board of Assessors handled the overwhelming situation with a high degree of professionalism. We can only pledge that we are striving to insure that a situation such as this never occurs again in the town of Bellingham.

The computer installation of new financial software is completed and continues to provide us with up-to-date, current information enabling us to make informed financial decisions. As previously stated, this phase of the project was targeted for completion in fiscal 1998. We are aggressively testing and planning for any Y2K (Year 2000) problems but we can state that all major systems in the town of Bellingham have been tested or are scheduled for testing before the end of fiscal 1999. We will continue to update our Web site and we hope to allow citizen access to pertinent municipal financial information via the Web in late Fiscal 2000.

I would like to thank all employees of the Finance Office for their hard work and support over this past fiscal year. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the office of the Town Administrator for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marilyn A. Mathieu".

Marilyn A. Mathieu
Chief Financial Officer

YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENDITURE SUMMARY REPORT

Town of Bellingham
YTD Expenditure Summary
Fiscal Year: 1998

Account Description	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Pre-Encumb& Encumbrance	Actual Expenditures	Remaining Balance	Pct Used
100 General Fund						
114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR						
EXPENSES	215.00	.00	.00	215.00	.00	100.00
	75.00	.00	.00	15.00	60.00	20.00
Total 114 TOWN MEETING MODERATOR	290.00	.00	.00	230.00	60.00	79.31
122 SELECTMEN						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	6,000.00	.00	.00	5,999.76	.24	100.00
SALARIES	33,028.00	.00	.00	33,028.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	40,701.00	.00	.00	40,662.24	38.76	99.90
Total 122 SELECTMEN	79,729.00	.00	.00	79,690.00	39.00	99.95
123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR						
SALARIES	81,535.00	.00	.00	81,225.30	309.70	99.62
EXPENSES	5,300.00	.00	.00	4,993.48	306.52	94.22
Total 123 TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	86,835.00	.00	.00	86,218.78	616.22	99.29
131 FINANCE COMMITTEE						
SALARIES	2,400.00	.00	.00	2,400.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	1,450.00	.00	.00	1,202.40	247.60	82.92
Total 131 FINANCE COMMITTEE	3,850.00	.00	.00	3,602.40	247.60	93.57
132 RESERVE FUND						
EXPENSES	150,000.00	-150,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total 132 RESERVE FUND	150,000.00	-150,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER						
SALARIES	100,934.00	.00	.00	96,605.99	4,328.01	95.71
EXPENSES	24,400.00	.00	.00	22,076.16	2,323.84	90.48
Total 135 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	125,334.00	.00	.00	118,682.15	6,651.85	94.69
137 ASSESSORS						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD SALARY	3,800.00	.00	.00	3,600.00	200.00	94.74
SALARIES	101,132.00	-5,000.00	.00	95,493.65	638.35	99.34
EXPENSES	26,100.00	5,000.00	.00	30,295.50	804.50	97.41
Total 137 ASSESSORS	131,032.00	.00	.00	129,389.15	1,642.85	98.75
138 TREASURER						
SALARIES	54,931.00	.00	.00	54,931.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	34,475.00	.00	.00	21,973.69	12,501.31	63.74
Total 138 TREASURER	89,406.00	.00	.00	76,904.69	12,501.31	86.02

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Fiscal Year: 1998

Account Description	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Pre-Encumb& Encumbrance	Actual Expenditures	Remaining Balance	Pct Used
139 TOWN COLLECTOR						
SALARIES	101,879.00	.00	.00	101,825.88	53.12	99.95
EXPENSES	58,351.00	.00	.00	52,609.90	5,741.10	90.16
Total 139 TOWN COLLECTOR	160,230.00	.00	.00	154,435.78	5,794.22	96.38
151 TOWN COUNSEL						
EXPENSES	40,750.00	10,000.00	.00	50,750.00	.00	100.00
Total 151 TOWN COUNSEL	40,750.00	10,000.00	.00	50,750.00	.00	100.00
152 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT						
SALARIES	1,680.00	.00	.00	1,680.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	310.00	.00	.00	.00	310.00	.00
Total 152 PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT	1,990.00	.00	.00	1,680.00	310.00	84.42
154 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM						
SALARIES	30,000.00	150.00	.00	30,150.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	40,500.00	.00	.00	34,210.97	6,289.03	84.47
CAPITAL OUTLAY	100,000.00	.00	.00	100,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 154 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM	170,500.00	150.00	.00	164,360.97	6,289.03	96.31
156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE						
EXPENSES	.00	50,000.00	.00	25,210.45	24,789.55	50.42
Total 156 TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	.00	50,000.00	.00	25,210.45	24,789.55	50.42
161 TOWN CLERK						
ELECTED/APPOINTED SALARY	37,962.00	.00	.00	37,962.00	.00	100.00
SALARIES	25,569.00	.00	.00	25,566.44	2.56	99.99
EXPENSES	3,000.00	.00	.00	2,394.03	605.97	79.80
Total 161 TOWN CLERK	66,531.00	.00	.00	65,922.47	608.53	99.09
162 ELECTIONS						
SALARIES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
EXPENSES	9,750.00	1,500.00	.00	11,311.52	-61.52	100.55
Total 162 ELECTIONS	9,750.00	1,500.00	.00	11,311.52	-61.52	100.55
163 REGISTRATION						
SALARIES	1,400.00	.00	.00	1,400.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	6,845.00	.00	.00	6,483.76	361.24	94.72
Total 163 REGISTRATION	8,245.00	.00	.00	7,883.76	361.24	95.62
171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION						
SALARIES	4,000.00	.00	.00	4,000.00	.00	100.00

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EXPENSES	2,780.00	.00	.00	2,754.65	25.35	99.09
Total 171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	6,780.00	.00	.00	6,754.65	25.35	99.63
172 PLANNING BOARD						
ELECTED SALARIES	5,000.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	100.00
SALARIES	6,129.00	4,000.00	.00	9,128.97	1,000.03	90.13
EXPENSES	18,411.00	-4,000.00	.00	14,042.78	368.22	97.44
Total 172 PLANNING BOARD	29,540.00	.00	.00	28,171.75	1,368.25	95.37
173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS						
SALARIES	2,135.00	.00	.00	2,135.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	910.00	.00	.00	38.44	871.56	4.22
Total 173 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	3,045.00	.00	.00	2,173.44	871.56	71.38
180 INDUSTRIAL DEV FINANCE AUTH						
EXPENSES	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
Total 180 INDUSTRIAL DEV FINANCE AUTH	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
181 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION						
SALARIES	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	.00
EXPENSES	500.00	.00	.00	.00	500.00	.00
Total 181 AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.00
182 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMM						
EXPENSES	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.00
Total 182 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMM	1,000.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	.00
189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE						
EXPENSES	137,250.00	.00	.00	136,722.63	527.37	99.62
Total 189 PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE	137,250.00	.00	.00	136,722.63	527.37	99.62
190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE						
EXPENSES	80,000.00	-25,000.00	.00	28,348.68	26,651.32	51.54
Total 190 OTJ INJURY FOR DEDUCTIBLE	80,000.00	-25,000.00	.00	28,348.68	26,651.32	51.54
191 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT						
SALARIES	3,000.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 191 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AGENT	3,000.00	.00	.00	3,000.00	.00	100.00
192 EMPLOYEE SICK DAY BUY-BACK FD						
SALARIES	50,000.00	.00	.00	35,461.99	14,538.01	70.92

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Total 192 EMPLOYEE SICK DAY BUY-BACK FD	50,000.00	.00	.00	35,461.99	14,538.01	70.92
193 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE EXPENSES	235,000.00	-50,000.00	.00	169,591.00	15,409.00	91.67
Total 193 PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	235,000.00	-50,000.00	.00	169,591.00	15,409.00	91.67
194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT EXPENSES	705,000.00	.00	.00	693,421.80	11,578.20	98.36
Total 194 RETIREMENT ASSESSMENT	705,000.00	.00	.00	693,421.80	11,578.20	98.36
195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE EXPENSES	105,000.00	10,000.00	.00	107,521.36	7,478.64	93.50
Total 195 MEDICARE/EMPLOYER SHARE	105,000.00	10,000.00	.00	107,521.36	7,478.64	93.50
196 TOWN REPORTS EXPENSES	5,000.00	.00	.00	2,055.00	2,945.00	41.10
Total 196 TOWN REPORTS	5,000.00	.00	.00	2,055.00	2,945.00	41.10
197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH EXPENSES	28,000.00	.00	.00	27,270.87	729.13	97.40
Total 197 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	28,000.00	.00	.00	27,270.87	729.13	97.40
198 INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSES	30,000.00	-5,000.00	.00	7,204.29	17,795.71	28.82
Total 198 INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	30,000.00	-5,000.00	.00	7,204.29	17,795.71	28.82
199 DAMAGES TO PERSONS/PROPERTY EXPENSES	1.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00	100.00
Total 199 DAMAGES TO PERSONS/PROPERTY	1.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00	100.00
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT SALARIES	1,398,469.00	.00	.00	1,362,368.65	36,100.35	97.42
EXPENSES	85,100.00	.00	.00	84,767.05	332.95	99.61
Total 210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,483,569.00	.00	.00	1,447,135.70	36,433.30	97.54
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES	800,507.00	.00	.00	782,729.80	17,777.20	97.78
EXPENSES	49,900.00	4,900.00	.00	54,743.67	56.33	99.90
Total 220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	850,407.00	4,900.00	.00	837,473.47	17,833.53	97.91

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Account Description	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Pre-Encumb& Encumbrance	Actual Expenditures	Remaining Balance	Pct Used
251 TOWN INSPECTOR						
SALARIES	63,653.00	.00	.00	62,687.22	965.78	98.48
EXPENSES	6,489.00	.00	.00	5,937.22	551.78	91.50
Total 251 TOWN INSPECTOR	70,142.00	.00	.00	68,624.44	1,517.56	97.84
252 SEALERS OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES						
SALARIES	1,200.00	.00	.00	1,200.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	600.00	.00	.00	27.73	572.27	4.62
Total 252 SEALERS OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES	1,800.00	.00	.00	1,227.73	572.27	68.21
253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS						
SALARIES	20,546.00	.00	.00	18,746.87	1,799.13	91.24
EXPENSES	525.00	.00	.00	463.75	61.25	88.33
Total 253 INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND GAS	21,071.00	.00	.00	19,210.62	1,860.38	91.17
255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR						
SALARIES	19,000.00	2,000.00	.00	21,000.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	500.00	.00	.00	363.34	136.66	72.67
Total 255 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	19,500.00	2,000.00	.00	21,363.34	136.66	99.36
292 ANIMAL CONTROL						
SALARIES	62,573.00	.00	.00	58,699.55	3,873.45	93.81
EXPENSES	6,160.00	.00	.00	5,870.21	289.79	95.30
Total 292 ANIMAL CONTROL	68,733.00	.00	.00	64,569.76	4,163.24	93.94
294 TREE WARDEN						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	4,232.00	.00	.00	4,232.00	.00	100.00
SALARIES	3,720.00	.00	.00	42.00	3,678.00	1.13
EXPENSES	1,555.00	.00	.00	1,243.50	311.50	79.97
Total 294 TREE WARDEN	9,507.00	.00	.00	5,517.50	3,989.50	58.04
299 AUXILIARY POLICE						
EXPENSES	3,876.00	.00	.00	3,869.13	6.87	99.82
Total 299 AUXILIARY POLICE	3,876.00	.00	.00	3,869.13	6.87	99.82
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	5,000.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	100.00
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET	11,969,213.00	100,000.00	.00	12,069,213.00	.00	100.00
Total 300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	11,974,213.00	100,000.00	.00	12,074,213.00	.00	100.00
302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL						
EXPENSES	85,113.00	.00	.00	85,113.00	.00	100.00

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Total 302 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL	85,113.00	.00	.00	85,113.00	.00	100.00
303 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION						
TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES SUMMARY	875,000.00	26,751.00	.00	901,751.00	.00	100.00
Total 303 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION	875,000.00	26,751.00	.00	901,751.00	.00	100.00
421 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION						
SALARIES	67,468.00	.00	.00	67,468.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	15,900.00	.00	.00	12,667.85	3,232.15	79.67
Total 421 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	83,368.00	.00	.00	80,135.85	3,232.15	96.12
422 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION/MAINT						
SALARIES	428,400.00	10,000.00	.00	429,850.31	8,549.69	98.05
EXPENSES	154,000.00	45,000.00	.00	196,769.81	2,230.19	98.88
Total 422 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION/MAINT	582,400.00	55,000.00	.00	626,620.12	10,779.88	98.31
423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL						
SALARIES	20,000.00	.00	.00	40,766.48	-20,766.48	203.83
EXPENSES	80,000.00	69,054.00	.00	138,874.97	10,179.03	93.17
Total 423 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	100,000.00	69,054.00	.00	179,641.45	-10,587.45	106.26
424 STREET LIGHTING						
EXPENSES	115,000.00	.00	.00	111,407.68	3,592.32	96.88
Total 424 STREET LIGHTING	115,000.00	.00	.00	111,407.68	3,592.32	96.88
425 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE						
EXPENSES	49,000.00	10,000.00	.00	56,946.61	2,053.39	96.52
Total 425 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	49,000.00	10,000.00	.00	56,946.61	2,053.39	96.52
426 GAS AND OIL						
EXPENSES	72,000.00	.00	.00	57,623.37	14,376.63	80.03
Total 426 GAS AND OIL	72,000.00	.00	.00	57,623.37	14,376.63	80.03
433 SOLID WASTE						
EXPENSES	705,000.00	14,000.00	.00	719,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 433 SOLID WASTE	705,000.00	14,000.00	.00	719,000.00	.00	100.00
439 SANITARY LANDFILL						
EXPENSES	15,000.00	.00	.00	5,520.30	9,479.70	36.80

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Total 439 SANITARY LANDFILL	15,000.00	.00	.00	5,520.30	9,479.70	36.80
440 CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION (CRPCD EXPENSES	172,000.00	-65,000.00	.00	98,780.00	8,220.00	92.32
Total 440 CHARLES RIVER POLLUTION (CRPCD	172,000.00	-65,000.00	.00	98,780.00	8,220.00	92.32
441 WOONSOCKET WASTE WATER (WWWTP) EXPENSES	63,000.00	.00	.00	57,917.25	5,082.75	91.93
Total 441 WOONSOCKET WASTE WATER (WWWTP)	63,000.00	.00	.00	57,917.25	5,082.75	91.93
450 WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT SALARIES	372,969.00	.00	.00	370,069.92	2,899.08	99.22
EXPENSES	422,500.00	35,000.00	.00	457,103.45	396.55	99.91
Total 450 WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT	795,469.00	35,000.00	.00	827,173.37	3,295.63	99.60
491 CEMETERY DEPARTMENT ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	3,600.00	.00	.00	2,400.00	1,200.00	66.67
EXPENSES	5,000.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 491 CEMETERY DEPARTMENT	8,600.00	.00	.00	7,400.00	1,200.00	86.05
496 INSECT/PEST CONTROL EXPENSES	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
Total 496 INSECT/PEST CONTROL	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
497 DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL EXPENSES	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
Total 497 DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL	100.00	.00	.00	.00	100.00	.00
510 BOARD OF HEALTH ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	800.00	.00	.00	779.09	20.91	97.39
SALARIES	55,318.00	.00	.00	54,793.77	524.23	99.05
EXPENSES	19,590.00	.00	.00	19,374.17	215.83	98.90
Total 510 BOARD OF HEALTH	75,708.00	.00	.00	74,947.03	760.97	98.99
541 COUNCIL ON AGING SALARIES	52,300.00	.00	.00	51,825.60	474.40	99.09
EXPENSES	9,850.00	.00	.00	9,780.58	69.42	99.30
Total 541 COUNCIL ON AGING	62,150.00	.00	.00	61,606.18	543.82	99.12
543 VETERANS SERVICES SALARIES	6,000.00	.00	.00	6,000.00	.00	100.00

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EXPENSES	17,250.00	.00	.00	766.00	16,484.00	4.44
Total 543 VETERANS SERVICES	23,250.00	.00	.00	6,766.00	16,484.00	29.10
549 VETERANS GRAVE AGENT						
SALARIES	600.00	.00	.00	600.00	.00	100.00
EXPENSES	250.00	.00	.00	158.95	91.05	63.58
Total 549 VETERANS GRAVE AGENT	850.00	.00	.00	758.95	91.05	89.29
610 LIBRARY						
ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	525.00	.00	.00	525.00	.00	100.00
SALARIES	182,534.00	.00	.00	172,030.11	10,503.89	94.25
EXPENSES	93,992.00	.00	.00	84,111.78	9,880.22	89.49
Total 610 LIBRARY	277,051.00	.00	.00	256,666.89	20,384.11	92.64
630 PARKS AND RECREATION						
APPOINTED SALARIES	350.00	.00	.00	341.67	8.33	97.62
SALARIES	26,520.00	5,000.00	.00	31,416.51	103.49	99.67
EXPENSES	61,640.00	25,000.00	.00	86,640.00	.00	100.00
Total 630 PARKS AND RECREATION	88,510.00	30,000.00	.00	118,398.18	111.82	99.91
635 T. ARCAND RECREATIONAL PARK						
	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
Total 635 T. ARCAND RECREATIONAL PARK	1.00	.00	.00	.00	1.00	.00
650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION						
EXPENSES	3,500.00	.00	.00	3,299.11	200.89	94.26
Total 650 HISTORICAL COMMISSION	3,500.00	.00	.00	3,299.11	200.89	94.26
651 ARTS LOTTERY COMMISSION						
	5,000.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 651 ARTS LOTTERY COMMISSION	5,000.00	.00	.00	5,000.00	.00	100.00
660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS						
EXPENSES	10,000.00	.00	.00	7,777.26	2,222.74	77.77
Total 660 MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS	10,000.00	.00	.00	7,777.26	2,222.74	77.77
710 DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENT						
EXPENSES	2,213,000.00	.00	.00	2,203,000.00	10,000.00	99.55
Total 710 DEBT SERVICE-PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	2,213,000.00	.00	.00	2,203,000.00	10,000.00	99.55

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Account Description	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Pre-Encumb& Encumbrance	Actual Expenditures	Remaining Balance	Pct Used
715 DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST ON BONDS EXPENSES	1,187,000.00	.00	.00	1,172,217.19	14,782.81	98.75
Total 715 DEBT SERVICE-INTEREST ON BONDS	1,187,000.00	.00	.00	1,172,217.19	14,782.81	98.75
800 STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	.00	115,647.00	.00	123,649.67	-8,002.67	106.92
Total 800 STATE/COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	.00	115,647.00	.00	123,649.67	-8,002.67	106.92
901 ARTICLES-FISCAL 1997	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Total 901 ARTICLES-FISCAL 1997	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
902 ARTICLES-FISCAL 1998	655,001.00	2,709,444.4	.00	2,846,510.11	517,935.33	84.61
	.00	100,000.00	.00	.00	100,000.00	.00
Total 902 ARTICLES-FISCAL 1998	655,001.00	2,809,444.4	.00	2,846,510.11	617,935.33	82.16
921 BROUGHT FORWARD ARTICLES-1998	.00	941,014.86	.00	716,031.48	224,983.38	76.09
Total 921 BROUGHT FORWARD ARTICLES-1998	.00	941,014.86	.00	716,031.48	224,983.38	76.09
950 ENCUMBRANCES	.00	120,866.52	.00	57,758.46	63,108.06	47.79
Total 950 ENCUMBRANCES	.00	120,866.52	.00	57,758.46	63,108.06	47.79
990 TRANSFER TO WORKMEN'S COMP INTER-FUND TRANSFER	125,000.00	-22,805.00	.00	102,195.00	.00	100.00
Total 990 TRANSFER TO WORKMEN'S COMP	125,000.00	-22,805.00	.00	102,195.00	.00	100.00
991 TRANSFER TO UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST	10,000.00	.00	.00	10,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 991 TRANSFER TO UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST	10,000.00	.00	.00	10,000.00	.00	100.00
992 TRANSFER TO GROUP INS TRUST INTERFUND TRANSFER	1,570,000.00	-170,000.00	.00	1,400,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 992 TRANSFER TO GROUP INS TRUST	1,570,000.00	-170,000.00	.00	1,400,000.00	.00	100.00
Total 100 General Fund	27,074,078.00	3,917,522.8	.00	29,748,786.78	1,242,814.04	95.99

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REPORT

This report details all Special Revenue Funds that the town of Bellingham maintains throughout the year by type:

Fund 200 – 299 School Grant Funds

Fund 300 – 399 School/Town Capital Project Funds

Fund 400 – 499 Town Grant Funds

Fund 500 – 599 School Revolving and/or Gift Funds

Fund 600 – 699 Town Revolving and/or Gift Funds

Fund 700 – 799 Trust Funds

Fund 800 – 899 School/Town Agency Funds

Please note that the balances reported are Fund Balances; therefore a negative fund balance indicates a positive balance remaining.

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Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
202 SCHOOL LUNCH				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-43,022.29	.00	.00	
42920 SCHOOL LUNCH-RECEIPTS	.00	351,506.75	.00	
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	86,094.81	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	149,318.44	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	42,353.41	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	52,793.25	
54161 SCHOOL LUNCH SUPPLIES	.00	.00	172,029.18	
Total 202 SCHOOL LUNCH	-43,022.29	437,601.56	416,494.28	-64,129.57
203 N C SHERIFF'S DARE GRANT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-62.93	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	1,000.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,134.35	
Total 203 N C SHERIFF'S DARE GRANT	-62.93	1,000.00	1,134.35	71.42
205 EARLY CHILDHOOD CH 188				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	52,000.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	52,000.00	
Total 205 EARLY CHILDHOOD CH 188	.00	52,000.00	52,000.00	.00
206 EARLY CHILDHOOD 99-457				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	26,085.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	25,624.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	461.00	
Total 206 EARLY CHILDHOOD 99-457	.00	26,085.00	26,085.00	.00
210 PROJECT ASSIST 94142				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	217,462.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	144,185.58	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	10,456.78	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	13,437.37	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	49,382.27	
Total 210 PROJECT ASSIST 94142	.00	217,462.00	217,462.00	.00
215 MATH AND SCIENCE				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	6,499.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	4,925.21	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	1,573.79	

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Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
Total 215 MATH AND SCIENCE	.00	6,499.00	6,499.00	.00
220 SUMMER SCHOOL REMEDIAL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-12.60	.00	.00	
Total 220 SUMMER SCHOOL REMEDIAL	-12.60	.00	.00	-12.60
225 DRUG FREE SCHOOLS				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	11,900.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	7,067.90	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	470.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	4,362.10	
Total 225 DRUG FREE SCHOOLS	.00	11,900.00	11,900.00	.00
229 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ALT HIGH				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-45,604.45	.00	.00	
42410 TUITION - SPED COLLABORATIVE	.00	287,282.36	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	246,300.25	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,235.50	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	5,317.63	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	9.10	
Total 229 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ALT HIGH	-45,604.45	287,282.36	253,862.48	-79,024.33
230 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ELEMENTARY				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-2,153.26	.00	.00	
42410 TUITION - SPED COLLABORATIVE	.00	2,791.67	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	52.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,244.00	
Total 230 SPED COLLABORATIVE, ELEMENTARY	-2,153.26	2,791.67	1,296.00	-3,648.93
231 EARLY CHILDHOOD-TUITION				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-47,253.66	.00	.00	
42411 TUITION-EARLY CHILDHOOD	.00	87,672.35	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	54,866.09	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	38,802.80	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	505.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	4,618.66	
Total 231 EARLY CHILDHOOD-TUITION	-47,253.66	87,672.35	98,792.55	-36,133.46

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Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
245 PROJECT ENCOURAGEMENT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-11,761.52	.00	.00	
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	137,803.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	79,113.90	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	15,725.35	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,853.66	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	13,813.90	
Total 245 PROJECT ENCOURAGEMENT	-11,761.52	137,803.00	111,506.81	-38,057.71
250 TITLE IV GRANT				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	5,622.00	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	5,622.00	
Total 250 TITLE IV GRANT	.00	5,622.00	5,622.00	.00
255 SMOKING CESSATION-HEALTH GRANT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	57,176.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	8,935.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	38,859.56	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	9,381.44	
Total 255 SMOKING CESSATION-HEALTH GRANT	.00	57,176.00	57,176.00	.00
266 PALMS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	3,924.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,663.25	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	1,260.75	
Total 266 PALMS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	.00	3,924.00	3,924.00	.00
267 EDUC REFORM STUDY GROUP				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	12,981.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	12,981.00	
Total 267 EDUC REFORM STUDY GROUP	.00	12,981.00	12,981.00	.00
268 SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY GRANT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-77,640.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	67,490.86	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	10,149.14	
Total 268 SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY GRANT	-77,640.00	.00	77,640.00	.00

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269 SPED CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS GRT				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	11,804.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	11,804.00	
Total 269 SPED CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS GRT	.00	11,804.00	11,804.00	.00
270 TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	7,129.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	850.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	6,279.00	
Total 270 TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENT	.00	7,129.00	7,129.00	.00
271 SCHOOL "POT HOLE" GRANT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	45,000.00	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	43,984.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	1,016.00	
Total 271 SCHOOL "POT HOLE" GRANT	.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	.00
272 METROWEST TECH PREP TEAM				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	900.00	.00	
Total 272 METROWEST TECH PREP TEAM	.00	900.00	.00	-900.00
301 SEWER PROJECT-PHASE I & II				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-434,939.08	.00	.00	
59020 TRANSFER TO SPECIAL REVENUE	.00	.00	434,000.00	
Total 301 SEWER PROJECT-PHASE I & II	-434,939.08	.00	434,000.00	-939.08
302 FIRE PUMPER (FISCAL 1996)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-151.29	.00	.00	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	111.06	
Total 302 FIRE PUMPER (FISCAL 1996)	-151.29	.00	111.06	-40.23
303 SEWER-PHASE III				
49701 TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL REV FD	.00	400,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	48,305.76	
Total 303 SEWER-PHASE III	.00	400,000.00	48,305.76	-351,694.24

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Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
305 STALLBROOK ROOF (FY 1995)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-14,635.53	.00	.00	
Total 305 STALLBROOK ROOF (FY 1995)	-14,635.53	.00	.00	-14,635.53
315 LANDFILL CLOSURE (Y 1995)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-110,948.45	.00	.00	
Total 315 LANDFILL CLOSURE (Y 1995)	-110,948.45	.00	.00	-110,948.45
320 WATER PROJECT (FY 1989)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,612.29	.00	.00	
Total 320 WATER PROJECT (FY 1989)	-1,612.29	.00	.00	-1,612.29
321 CORROSION CONTROL (FY 1995-96)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-2,035.11	.00	.00	
Total 321 CORROSION CONTROL (FY 1995-96)	-2,035.11	.00	.00	-2,035.11
322 STAND PIPE PAINTING (FY 1995)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-17,389.34	.00	.00	
Total 322 STAND PIPE PAINTING (FY 1995)	-17,389.34	.00	.00	-17,389.34
323 WELL # 12 ENG/LAND (FY 1995)				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-377,162.35	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	174,336.15	
Total 323 WELL # 12 ENG/LAND (FY 1995)	-377,162.35	.00	174,336.15	-202,826.20
324 FILTRATION PLANT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,704.03	.00	.00	
Total 324 FILTRATION PLANT	-1,704.03	.00	.00	-1,704.03
330 POLICE/FIRE STATION RENOVATION				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-688.76	.00	.00	
Total 330 POLICE/FIRE STATION RENOVATION	-688.76	.00	.00	-688.76

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Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
335 DEPOT STREET BRIDGE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,981.41	.00	.00	
Total 335 DEPOT STREET BRIDGE	-3,981.41	.00	.00	-3,981.41
340 BOX POND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-9,623.05	.00	.00	
Total 340 BOX POND	-9,623.05	.00	.00	-9,623.05
350 4 ROOM MOD CLASSROOM(1997)400K				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,461.00	.00	.00	
Total 350 4 ROOM MOD CLASSROOM(1997)400K	-1,461.00	.00	.00	-1,461.00
352 PLAYING FIELDS (1997) \$100K				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	15,512.75	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	50,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	-50.84	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	34,520.78	
Total 352 PLAYING FIELDS (1997) \$100K	15,512.75	50,000.00	34,469.94	-17.31
353 LADDER TRUCK (1997) \$405K				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-2,427.20	.00	.00	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	287.90	
Total 353 LADDER TRUCK (1997) \$405K	-2,427.20	.00	287.90	-2,139.30
354 SCHOOL COMPUTER LEASE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-48.37	.00	.00	
Total 354 SCHOOL COMPUTER LEASE	-48.37	.00	.00	-48.37
355 TOWN COMPUTER LEASE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-27,336.09	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	43,860.34	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	4,710.00	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	1,200.00	
Total 355 TOWN COMPUTER LEASE	-27,336.09	43,860.34	5,910.00	-65,286.43

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356 H/S TRACK RUBBER (1998) 75K				
49107 PROCEEDS FROM NOTES	.00	25,000.00	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	50,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	482.50	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	74,086.62	
Total 356 H/S TRACK RUBBER (1998) 75K	.00	75,000.00	74,569.12	-430.88
357 H/S FLD EXPAND-PHII(1998) 100K				
49107 PROCEEDS FROM NOTES	.00	50,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	4,568.67	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	10,356.00	
Total 357 H/S FLD EXPAND-PHII(1998) 100K	.00	50,000.00	14,924.67	-35,075.33
358 TOWN HALL RENOVATE(1998) 1.6M				
49107 PROCEEDS FROM NOTES	.00	200,000.00	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	1,400,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	12,909.70	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	43,160.37	
Total 358 TOWN HALL RENOVATE(1998) 1.6M	.00	1,600,000.00	56,070.07	-1,543,929.93
359 COMPUTER LEASE II(1998) 300K				
49107 PROCEEDS FROM NOTES	.00	300,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	22,075.52	
58402 PURCHASE COMPUTER SOFTWARE	.00	.00	16,441.11	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	177,462.92	
Total 359 COMPUTER LEASE II(1998) 300K	.00	300,000.00	215,979.55	-84,020.45
360 DPW-PATCH/PLOW TRUCK 45K(1998)				
49107 PROCEEDS FROM NOTES	.00	45,000.00	.00	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	39,185.00	
Total 360 DPW-PATCH/PLOW TRUCK 45K(1998)	.00	45,000.00	39,185.00	-5,815.00
361 SR HIGH/JR/SR HIGH (1998)(35M)				
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	742,728.96	
Total 361 SR HIGH/JR/SR HIGH (1998)(35M)	.00	.00	742,728.96	742,728.96
362 DOCUTECH LEASE (1998) (163.5K)				
49107 PROCEEDS FROM NOTES	.00	163,500.00	.00	

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52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	130,089.79	
58510 CAPITAL OUTLAY-EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	13,500.00	
Total 362 DOCUTECH LEASE (1998) (163.5K)	.00	163,500.00	143,589.79	-19,910.21
363 MAPLE STREET LAND TAKING(1998)				
49701 TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL REV FD	.00	20,500.00	.00	
Total 363 MAPLE STREET LAND TAKING(1998)	.00	20,500.00	.00	-20,500.00
364 MAPLE ST SEWER EXTENSION(1998)				
49701 TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL REV FD	.00	34,000.00	.00	
Total 364 MAPLE ST SEWER EXTENSION(1998)	.00	34,000.00	.00	-34,000.00
365 TITLE V SEPTIC LOAN PROGRAM				
49100 PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF BONDS	.00	50,000.00	.00	
Total 365 TITLE V SEPTIC LOAN PROGRAM	.00	50,000.00	.00	-50,000.00
401 FORMULA GRANT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-60.57	.00	.00	
42504 SENIOR PHARMACY PROGRAM (SPP)	.00	110.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	6,305.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	1,557.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,983.20	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,359.71	
Total 401 FORMULA GRANT	-60.57	6,415.00	5,899.91	-575.66
402 LIBRARY-M.E.G./L.I.G.				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-10,233.78	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	13,960.92	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	10,983.88	
Total 402 LIBRARY-M.E.G./L.I.G.	-10,233.78	13,960.92	10,983.88	-13,210.82
403 ELECTIONS-EXTENDED POLLING HRS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,892.20	.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	186.72	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	954.30	

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Total 403 ELECTIONS-EXTENDED POLLING HRS	-1,892.20	.00	1,141.02	-751.18
405 TOBACCO CONTROL GRANT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,042.55	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	45,458.27	.00	
48000 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	191.88	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	35,999.73	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	3,165.00	
52010 ADVERTISING	.00	.00	429.50	
52020 POSTAGE	.00	.00	66.66	
52030 TELEPHONE	.00	.00	359.00	
52230 HARDWARE/SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	.00	.00	387.87	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	3,449.12	
52505 SEMINARS/TRAINING	.00	.00	443.00	
52520 IN-STATE TRAVEL	.00	.00	799.72	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	948.57	
Total 405 TOBACCO CONTROL GRANT	-4,042.55	45,650.15	46,048.17	-3,644.53
406 LAW ENFORCEMENT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,508.46	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	16,903.24	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	14,329.18	
Total 406 LAW ENFORCEMENT	-1,508.46	16,903.24	14,329.18	-4,082.52
407 D.A.R.E. GRANT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	9,700.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	8,692.25	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,007.75	
Total 407 D.A.R.E. GRANT	.00	9,700.00	9,700.00	.00
408 CULTURAL COUNCIL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-18,163.07	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	1,280.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	12,758.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	784.71	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	150.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,160.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	8,938.01	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,541.30	

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Total 408 CULTURAL COUNCIL	-18,163.07	14,972.71	12,639.31	-20,496.47
409 SMALL CITIES				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,561.22	.00	.00	
Total 409 SMALL CITIES	-4,561.22	.00	.00	-4,561.22
412 PEARL ST BRIDGE STUDY				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-278.43	.00	.00	
Total 412 PEARL ST BRIDGE STUDY	-278.43	.00	.00	-278.43
413 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	48,138.00	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	294,150.32	.00	
58600 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	20,010.27	
58602 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	7,342.07	
58603 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	62,407.20	
58604 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	182,749.74	
58605 CAPITAL OUTLAY-INFRASTRUCTURE	.00	.00	2,970.12	
58606 CAPITAL OUTLAY - MA 36855	.00	.00	37,082.83	
Total 413 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND	48,138.00	294,150.32	312,562.23	66,549.91
414 BULLET PROOF VESTS-STATE GRANT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	1,075.76	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,075.76	
Total 414 BULLET PROOF VESTS-STATE GRANT	.00	1,075.76	1,075.76	.00
415 COPS FAST 1996 FEDERAL GRANT				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	78,288.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	88,284.44	
Total 415 COPS FAST 1996 FEDERAL GRANT	.00	78,288.00	88,284.44	9,996.44
417 COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	23,000.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,468.89	
52520 IN-STATE TRAVEL	.00	.00	999.87	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	15,727.82	

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Total 417 COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT	.00	23,000.00	19,196.58	-3,803.42
418 S.A.F.E. FY 96 GRT (FIRE)				
43303 OTHER STATE REVENUE - 1998	.00	2,940.00	.00	
51500 OVERTIME WAGES	.00	.00	1,395.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,545.00	
Total 418 S.A.F.E. FY 96 GRT (FIRE)	.00	2,940.00	2,940.00	.00
419 BYRNE MEMORIAL GRANT (POLICE)				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	1,512.66	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	946.72	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	570.00	
Total 419 BYRNE MEMORIAL GRANT (POLICE)	.00	1,512.66	1,516.72	4.06
420 POLICE '97 BLOCK GRANT				
43100 FED REV PASS THRU STATE	.00	13,268.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	85.44	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	655.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	3,403.80	
Total 420 POLICE '97 BLOCK GRANT	.00	13,268.00	4,144.24	-9,123.76
421 COMMUNITY SEPTIC MGMT PROGRAM				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-18,000.00	.00	.00	
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	2,000.00	.00	
54080 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	.00	.00	1,403.08	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	699.72	
Total 421 COMMUNITY SEPTIC MGMT PROGRAM	-18,000.00	2,000.00	2,102.80	-17,897.20
422 COA SVC INCENTIVE GR'97				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-27.34	.00	.00	
Total 422 COA SVC INCENTIVE GR'97	-27.34	.00	.00	-27.34
423 COMMUNITY DEV BLOCK GRT/R R F				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	6,200.00	.00	
52010 ADVERTISING	.00	.00	334.51	
52030 TELEPHONE	.00	.00	159.46	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	3,915.89	

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Total 423 COMMUNITY DEV BLOCK GRT/R R F	.00	6,200.00	4,409.86	-1,790.14
424 DARE "LIFTING UP" WELLNESS GRT				
43300 OTHER STATE REVENUE	.00	2,116.06	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	3,899.36	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	815.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	703.96	
Total 424 DARE "LIFTING UP" WELLNESS GRT	.00	2,116.06	5,418.32	3,302.26
501 CABLE CLUB GIFT				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	1,500.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,500.00	
Total 501 CABLE CLUB GIFT	.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00
502 ALTERNATIVE PRINTING S 53 E1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-12,547.97	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	76,520.10	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	34,876.99	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	14,532.48	
Total 502 ALTERNATIVE PRINTING S 53 E1/2	-12,547.97	76,520.10	49,409.47	-39,658.60
503 ALTERNATIVE EDUC GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-104.95	.00	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	104.95	
Total 503 ALTERNATIVE EDUC GIFT	-104.95	.00	104.95	.00
504 SCHOOL ENERGY/USER FEE S53E1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,644.58	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	6,937.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	6,547.99	
Total 504 SCHOOL ENERGY/USER FEE S53E1/2	-1,644.58	6,937.00	6,547.99	-2,033.59
505 SCHOOL RENTAL-M J REED S53E1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-2,586.05	.00	.00	
42500 RENTAL RECEIPTS	.00	4,480.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	5,010.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	668.64	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	265.07	

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Total 505 SCHOOL RENTAL-M J REED S53E1/2	-2,586.05	4,480.00	5,943.71	-1,122.34
506 SUMMER SCHOOL TUITION				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-17,051.39	.00	.00	
42405 TUITION-FULL TIME	.00	34,925.04	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	22,550.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,335.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	3,918.66	
Total 506 SUMMER SCHOOL TUITION	-17,051.39	34,925.04	27,803.66	-24,172.77
507 TUITION/FOSTER STUDENTS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-721.57	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	721.57	
Total 507 TUITION/FOSTER STUDENTS	-721.57	.00	721.57	.00
508 ADULT EDUCATION REVOLVING				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-427.04	.00	.00	
42400 TUITION- ADULT EDUCATION	.00	800.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	300.00	
Total 508 ADULT EDUCATION REVOLVING	-427.04	800.00	300.00	-927.04
509 D.E.C.A.				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-9.63	.00	.00	
54160 SCHOOL/CLASS SUPPLIES	.00	.00	9.63	
Total 509 D.E.C.A.	-9.63	.00	9.63	.00
510 ATHLETIC REVOLVING				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,918.12	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	21,267.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,878.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	21,888.17	
Total 510 ATHLETIC REVOLVING	-5,918.12	21,267.00	24,766.17	-2,418.95
511 TEACHER INCENTIVE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-21,244.06	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	2,737.50	.00	
51130 PERMANENT PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	8,875.00	

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Total 511 TEACHER INCENTIVE	-21,244.06	2,737.50	8,875.00	-15,106.56
512 SCHOOL RENTAL MAINTENANCE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,134.98	.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,134.98	
Total 512 SCHOOL RENTAL MAINTENANCE	-1,134.98	.00	1,134.98	.00
513 LOST BOOK FEES				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-394.00	.00	.00	
54100 BOOKS AND PERIODICALS	.00	.00	69.40	
Total 513 LOST BOOK FEES	-394.00	.00	69.40	-324.60
514 METRO S/W JPTA				
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	16,857.54	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	13,478.41	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	3,017.27	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	361.86	
Total 514 METRO S/W JPTA	.00	16,857.54	16,857.54	.00
515 MA ACADEMY OF TEACHERS GRANT				
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	3,000.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	892.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,410.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	248.11	
Total 515 MA ACADEMY OF TEACHERS GRANT	.00	3,000.00	2,550.11	-449.89
601 RESTITUTION RECOVERY				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-99.90	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	826.34	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	35.00	
Total 601 RESTITUTION RECOVERY	-99.90	826.34	35.00	-891.24
602 INSURANCE RECOVERY <\$20,000.00				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-7,181.55	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	1,996.15	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	599.52	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,074.70	

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Total 602 INSURANCE RECOVERY <\$20,000.00	-7,181.55	1,996.15	1,674.22	-7,503.48
603 SALE OF LAND OF LOW VALUE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,571.83	.00	.00	
Total 603 SALE OF LAND OF LOW VALUE	-4,571.83	.00	.00	-4,571.83
604 SALE OF REAL ESTATE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-100.00	.00	.00	
Total 604 SALE OF REAL ESTATE	-100.00	.00	.00	-100.00
605 SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,340.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	150.00	.00	
Total 605 SALE OF CEMETERY LOTS	-5,340.00	150.00	.00	-5,490.00
606 LIBRARY ENERGY FEES				
42001 FEES	.00	.00	.00	
Total 606 LIBRARY ENERGY FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00
607 ARCAND SWIM PROG-CH 53 E 1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-6,578.22	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	460.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	2,688.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,084.52	
Total 607 ARCAND SWIM PROG-CH 53 E 1/2	-6,578.22	460.00	3,772.52	-3,265.70
608 WETLANDS PROTECTION				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-19,782.75	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	8,152.00	.00	
59020 TRANSFER TO SPECIAL REVENUE	.00	.00	5,000.00	
Total 608 WETLANDS PROTECTION	-19,782.75	8,152.00	5,000.00	-22,934.75
609 FIRE PREVENTION GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-314.72	.00	.00	

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Total 609 FIRE PREVENTION GIFT ACCOUNT	-314.72	.00	.00	-314.72
610 FIRE-RESCUE GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-575.00	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	4,000.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	3,952.76	
Total 610 FIRE-RESCUE GIFT ACCOUNT	-575.00	4,000.00	3,952.76	-622.24
611 TOWN RENTAL PROPERTY				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,042.94	.00	.00	
Total 611 TOWN RENTAL PROPERTY	-3,042.94	.00	.00	-3,042.94
612 SILVER LAKE ADM FEE-CH 53 E1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-2,493.86	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	3,866.50	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	5,307.19	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	10.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	929.54	
Total 612 SILVER LAKE ADM FEE-CH 53 E1/2	-2,493.86	3,866.50	6,246.73	-113.63
613 COMPOST BINS-CHAP 53 E 1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-506.00	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	860.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	992.00	
Total 613 COMPOST BINS-CHAP 53 E 1/2	-506.00	860.00	992.00	-374.00
614 NECC GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-3,294.61	.00	.00	
Total 614 NECC GIFT ACCOUNT	-3,294.61	.00	.00	-3,294.61
615 CELTIC CORP GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-50.00	.00	.00	
Total 615 CELTIC CORP GIFT ACCOUNT	-50.00	.00	.00	-50.00
616 TOWN ENGINEER GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-46.62	.00	.00	

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Total 616 TOWN ENGINEER GIFT ACCOUNT	-46.62	.00	.00	-46.62
617 RECREATION GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-20.00	.00	.00	
Total 617 RECREATION GIFT ACCOUNT	-20.00	.00	.00	-20.00
618 COA VAN GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-2,728.94	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	300.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	190.00	
Total 618 COA VAN GIFT ACCOUNT	-2,728.94	300.00	190.00	-2,838.94
620 POLICE-DARE GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-6,109.13	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	2,469.10	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	5,659.26	
Total 620 POLICE-DARE GIFT ACCOUNT	-6,109.13	2,469.10	5,659.26	-2,918.97
622 100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-294.60	.00	.00	
Total 622 100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK GIFT	-294.60	.00	.00	-294.60
623 PARKS/MACY RECREATION GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-405.55	.00	.00	
Total 623 PARKS/MACY RECREATION GIFT	-405.55	.00	.00	-405.55
625 POLICE K-9 GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-816.37	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	975.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	923.16	
Total 625 POLICE K-9 GIFT	-816.37	975.00	923.16	-868.21
626 SILVER LAKE PURCHASE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-32,000.00	.00	.00	

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Total 626 SILVER LAKE PURCHASE	-32,000.00	.00	.00	-32,000.00
627 SEWER GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,676.59	.00	.00	
Total 627 SEWER GIFT ACCOUNT	-4,676.59	.00	.00	-4,676.59
628 UPPER TOWN HALL GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-535.89	.00	.00	
Total 628 UPPER TOWN HALL GIFT	-535.89	.00	.00	-535.89
629 HAZARDOUS WASTE GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-300.00	.00	.00	
Total 629 HAZARDOUS WASTE GIFT	-300.00	.00	.00	-300.00
630 ROY FAMILY GIFT ACCOUNT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,232.43	.00	.00	
Total 630 ROY FAMILY GIFT ACCOUNT	-5,232.43	.00	.00	-5,232.43
631 HISTORICAL COMMISSION GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-416.92	.00	.00	
Total 631 HISTORICAL COMMISSION GIFT	-416.92	.00	.00	-416.92
632 LIBRARY-FINE REVOLVING CH53E				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-922.60	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	5,550.21	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	6,147.03	
Total 632 LIBRARY-FINE REVOLVING CH53E	-922.60	5,550.21	6,147.03	-325.78
633 PARKS-SUMMER PROG CH 53E1/2				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-792.15	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	1,890.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	1,587.50	
Total 633 PARKS-SUMMER PROG CH 53E1/2	-792.15	1,890.00	1,587.50	-1,094.65

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634 COA-SOCIAL DAYCARE				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-10,131.10	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	45,185.00	.00	
51140 PART-TIME PERSONNEL SALARIES	.00	.00	25,109.25	
51141 PART/TIME PERSONNEL	.00	.00	978.35	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	9,058.69	
52500 DUES/MEMBERSHIPS	.00	.00	233.74	
54090 OFFICE SUPPLIES	.00	.00	4,065.61	
Total 634 COA-SOCIAL DAYCARE	-10,131.10	45,185.00	39,445.64	-15,870.46
635 COA HALL RENTAL FEES				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-655.55	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	250.00	.00	
Total 635 COA HALL RENTAL FEES	-655.55	250.00	.00	-905.55
636 NORMA ROGERS MEMORIAL GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-65.00	.00	.00	
Total 636 NORMA ROGERS MEMORIAL GIFT	-65.00	.00	.00	-65.00
637 LIBRARY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-129.54	.00	.00	
Total 637 LIBRARY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	-129.54	.00	.00	-129.54
638 CEMETERY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-173.31	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	10.38	.00	
Total 638 CEMETERY EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	-173.31	10.38	.00	-183.69
639 AMBULANCE-RECEIPTS RESERVED				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-201,377.48	.00	.00	
42250 AMBULANCE RECEIPTS	.00	86,057.71	.00	
59040 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	.00	.00	166,000.00	
Total 639 AMBULANCE-RECEIPTS RESERVED	-201,377.48	86,057.71	166,000.00	-121,435.19
642 H S FOOTBALL FLD LIGHTS GIFT				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-13,140.00	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	1,200.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	12,255.00	

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Total 642 H S FOOTBALL FLD LIGHTS GIFT	-13,140.00	1,200.00	12,255.00	-2,085.00
643 SO SCH COMMUN GIV GARDEN GIFTS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-392.93	.00	.00	
Total 643 SO SCH COMMUN GIV GARDEN GIFTS	-392.93	.00	.00	-392.93
644 BIKE PATROL GIFTS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-464.78	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	10.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	100.00	
Total 644 BIKE PATROL GIFTS	-464.78	10.00	100.00	-374.78
645 TOWN COMMON GIFTS				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-45,922.92	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	31,217.50	.00	
48306 TOWN COMMON CAMERA GIFT FUND	.00	300.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	51,045.84	
Total 645 TOWN COMMON GIFTS	-45,922.92	31,517.50	51,045.84	-26,394.58
646 TOWN COMMON BUY A BRICK				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-23,620.00	.00	.00	
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	11,390.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	25,214.25	
Total 646 TOWN COMMON BUY A BRICK	-23,620.00	11,390.00	25,214.25	-9,795.75
648 PLANNING BOARD REVOLVING				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-4,675.25	.00	.00	
48400 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	17,790.72	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	19,234.05	
Total 648 PLANNING BOARD REVOLVING	-4,675.25	17,790.72	19,234.05	-3,231.92
649 GARELICK-BACK TO SCHOOLS II				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,283.31	.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,283.31	
Total 649 GARELICK-BACK TO SCHOOLS II	-1,283.31	.00	1,283.31	.00

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Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
650 MACY PTO GIFT FUND				
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	.00	
Total 650 MACY PTO GIFT FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00
651 TOWN COMMON MAINTENANCE				
42001 FEES	.00	6,500.00	.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	1,292.99	
Total 651 TOWN COMMON MAINTENANCE	.00	6,500.00	1,292.99	-5,207.01
652 ELDERLY RECREATION GIFT FUND				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	39,947.86	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	17,682.85	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	17,521.27	
Total 652 ELDERLY RECREATION GIFT FUND	.00	39,947.86	35,204.12	-4,743.74
653 WETLANDS PROTECT EXPENDABLE FD				
49701 TRANSFER FROM SPECIAL REV FD	.00	5,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	4,720.89	
Total 653 WETLANDS PROTECT EXPENDABLE FD	.00	5,000.00	4,720.89	-279.11
654 NEXTEL GIFT FUND				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	14,500.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	1,796.22	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	6,988.86	
Total 654 NEXTEL GIFT FUND	.00	14,500.00	8,785.08	-5,714.92
655 4TH OF JULY GIFT FUND				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	8,050.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	2,500.00	
54150 OTHER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	.00	.00	500.00	
Total 655 4TH OF JULY GIFT FUND	.00	8,050.00	3,000.00	-5,050.00
656 NEW H.S. FENCE GIFT FUND				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	100.00	.00	
Total 656 NEW H.S. FENCE GIFT FUND	.00	100.00	.00	-100.00

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Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
657 VETERANS MEMORIAL GIFT FUND				
48300 GIFTS/DONATIONS	.00	15.00	.00	
Total 657 VETERANS MEMORIAL GIFT FUND	.00	15.00	.00	-15.00
701 GROUP INSURANCE TRUST				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,360,152.72	.00	.00	
42275 EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTION TO INS	.00	258,526.25	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	42,065.84	.00	
48005 GROUP INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	.00	224,424.10	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	878,651.00	.00	
57040 MEDICAL CLAIMS/INSURANCE SERV	.00	.00	1,727,129.18	
59040 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	.00	.00	325,000.00	
Total 701 GROUP INSURANCE TRUST	-1,360,152.72	1,403,667.19	2,052,129.18	-711,690.73
702 STABILIZATION TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,703,962.82	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	90,279.75	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	500,000.00	.00	
Total 702 STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	-1,703,962.82	590,279.75	.00	-2,294,242.57
703 UNEMPLOYMENT INS TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-78,018.38	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	4,678.98	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	10,000.00	.00	
57040 MEDICAL CLAIMS/INSURANCE SERV	.00	.00	7,421.75	
59040 TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	.00	.00	.00	
Total 703 UNEMPLOYMENT INS TRUST FUND	-78,018.38	14,678.98	7,421.75	-85,275.61
704 WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-147,069.64	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	3,658.22	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	62,500.00	.00	
51900 WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION-SALARY	.00	.00	12,929.86	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	67,304.68	
Total 704 WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	-147,069.64	66,158.22	80,234.54	-132,993.32
705 MUNICIPAL BLDGS INS TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-34,768.56	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	1,953.67	.00	

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Total 705 MUNICIPAL BLDGS INS TRUST FUND	-34,768.56	1,953.67	.00	-36,722.23
752 CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,770.49	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	315.34	.00	
51180 ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD	.00	.00	240.19	
Total 752 CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST	-5,770.49	315.34	240.19	-5,845.64
753 WHITNEY LIBRARY TRUST				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-168.11	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	7.49	.00	
Total 753 WHITNEY LIBRARY TRUST	-168.11	7.49	.00	-175.60
754 MABLE DRAKE LIBRARY TRUST				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-312.67	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	13.93	.00	
Total 754 MABLE DRAKE LIBRARY TRUST	-312.67	13.93	.00	-326.60
755 CONSERVATION TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-74,466.51	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	3,391.93	.00	
49700 TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	.00	10,000.00	.00	
52400 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	.00	.00	5,000.00	
Total 755 CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	-74,466.51	13,391.93	5,000.00	-82,858.44
756 RETIREMENT RESERVE TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-5,225.67	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	293.64	.00	
Total 756 RETIREMENT RESERVE TRUST FUND	-5,225.67	293.64	.00	-5,519.31
757 E WHITNEY CEMETERY TRUST FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-300.25	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	13.93	.00	
Total 757 E WHITNEY CEMETERY TRUST FUND	-300.25	13.93	.00	-314.18

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Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
758 ETTA METCALF CEMETERY TRUST FD				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-605.43	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	28.08	.00	
Total 758 ETTA METCALF CEMETERY TRUST FD	-605.43	28.08	.00	-633.51
801 POLICE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	11,774.73	.00	.00	
42150 POLICE-OUTSIDE DETAIL FEE	.00	167,222.98	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	188,507.09	
Total 801 POLICE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL	11,774.73	167,222.98	188,507.09	33,058.84
802 CUSTODIAL, EXTRA WORK DETAIL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,180.80	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	4,822.16	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	4,626.92	
Total 802 CUSTODIAL, EXTRA WORK DETAIL	-1,180.80	4,822.16	4,626.92	-1,376.04
803 FIRE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-1,073.00	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	3,637.47	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	3,762.37	
Total 803 FIRE, EXTRA WORK DETAIL	-1,073.00	3,637.47	3,762.37	-948.10
804 STATE LICENSES				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	998.10	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	4,567.10	.00	
55001 AGENCY FEES REMITTED	.00	.00	3,853.50	
Total 804 STATE LICENSES	998.10	4,567.10	3,853.50	284.50
806 LIBRARY, CUSTODIAL DETAIL				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-136.48	.00	.00	
42001 FEES	.00	353.18	.00	
51540 EXTRA DUTY PAY	.00	.00	148.08	
Total 806 LIBRARY, CUSTODIAL DETAIL	-136.48	353.18	148.08	-341.58
807 COA, HALL RENTAL FEES				
42001 FEES	.00	.00	.00	

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Account Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Remaining Balance
Total 807 COA, HALL RENTAL FEES	.00	.00	.00	.00
808 BEECHWOOD ROAD				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-757.09	.00	.00	
Total 808 BEECHWOOD ROAD	-757.09	.00	.00	-757.09
809 BHS STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND				
35900 UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE	-42,086.24	.00	.00	
45001 EARNINGS ON INVESTMENT	.00	1,647.01	.00	
48000 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	.00	102,624.43	.00	
52900 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	.00	.00	119,084.09	
Total 809 BHS STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	-42,086.24	104,271.44	119,084.09	-27,273.59
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	-5,147,097.64	7,620,366.23	6,960,532.10	-5,806,931.77

FISCAL 1998 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORTS

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA
JUNE 30, 1998

(With Auditor's Report Thereon)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Bellingham's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

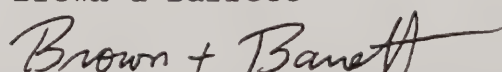
We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Consistent with the practice of most municipalities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Town does not capitalize the cost of general fixed assets as required by generally accepted accounting principles. The effects on financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position due to this departure from generally accepted accounting principles is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, except for the effect of the items discussed in paragraph 3, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Bellingham, Massachusetts, as of June 30, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 19, 1998 on our consideration of the Town of Bellingham's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Brown & Barrett



Certified Public Accountants

August 19, 1998

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 1998

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST & AGENCY	GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS	JUNE 30, 1998
ASSETS:						
CASH	\$ 2,159,298	\$ 677,381	\$ 2,284,123	\$ 3,891,330	\$ -	\$ 9,012,132
INVESTMENTS	2,009,880	-	-	127,517	-	2,137,397
PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVABLE:						
CURRENT YEAR	602,342	-	-	-	-	602,342
PRIOR YEAR	28,274	-	-	-	-	28,274
OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:						
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	90,352	-	-	-	-	90,352
TAX LIENS	1,032,098	-	-	-	-	1,032,098
WATER	139,086	-	-	-	-	139,086
SEWER	21,168	-	-	-	-	21,168
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	1,509,630	-	-	-	-	1,509,630
DEPARTMENTAL	215,121	-	-	33,059	-	248,180
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	-	234,118	-	-	-	234,118
OTHER ASSETS	16,943	-	-	115,000	-	131,943
AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR RETIREMENT OF LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS	-	-	-	-	20,324,968	20,324,968
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,824,192	\$ 911,499	\$ 2,284,123	\$ 4,166,906	\$ 20,324,968	\$ 35,511,688
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LIABILITIES:						
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 918,872	\$ 40,601	\$ 81	\$ 85,184	\$ -	\$ 1,044,738
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	4,110	-	-	-	-	4,110
OTHER LIABILITIES	20,710	-	-	3,156	-	23,866
DEFERRED REVENUE	3,081,547	-	-	-	-	3,081,547
RESERVE FOR ABATEMENTS	573,467	-	-	-	-	573,467
ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES	-	-	-	-	654,468	654,468
BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE	-	200,000	500,000	-	19,370,500	20,070,500
LANDFILL CLOSURE CARE COSTS	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,598,706	240,601	500,081	88,340	20,324,968	25,752,696
FUND EQUITY:						
FUND BALANCES:						
RESERVED:						
ENCUMBRANCES	897,549	-	-	-	-	897,549
UNRESERVED:						
DESIGNATED (NOTE 10)	150,385	670,898	1,784,042	4,078,566	-	6,683,891
UNDESIGNATED (NOTE 9)	2,177,552	-	-	-	-	2,177,552
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	3,225,486	670,898	1,784,042	4,078,566	-	9,758,992
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 7,824,192	\$ 911,499	\$ 2,284,123	\$ 4,166,906	\$ 20,324,968	\$ 35,511,688
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these general purpose financial statements

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	EXPENDABLE TRUST	
REVENUE:					
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 14,635,680	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,635,680
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE	8,343,981	628,562	50,000	-	9,022,543
INTERGOVERNMENTAL FEDERAL	-	622,239	-	-	622,239
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	1,168,546	-	-	-	1,168,546
INVESTMENT INCOME	330,878	3,532	-	148,348	482,758
WATER & SEWER	1,291,356	-	-	-	1,291,356
SEWER BETTERMENTS	305,493	-	-	-	305,493
PENALTIES & INTEREST	153,878	-	-	-	153,878
TRASH FEES	678,351	-	-	-	678,351
DEPARTMENTAL	<u>966,558</u>	<u>1,197,111</u>	<u>43,861</u>	<u>585,575</u>	<u>2,793,105</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>27,874,721</u>	<u>2,451,444</u>	<u>93,861</u>	<u>733,923</u>	<u>31,153,949</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,055,339	30,498	421,549	5,000	2,512,386
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,624,841	154,666	399	-	2,779,906
EDUCATION	13,672,994	1,620,089	866,693	119,084	16,278,860
PUBLIC WORKS	1,918,722	294,165	261,827	240	2,474,954
WATER & SEWER	1,057,582	-	-	-	1,057,582
HUMAN SERVICES	178,431	98,502	-	-	276,933
CULTURE & RECREATION	406,002	165,919	-	-	571,921
DEBT & INTEREST	3,375,217	-	-	-	3,375,217
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	129,050	-	-	-	129,050
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u>863,676</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,888,769</u>	<u>2,752,445</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>26,281,854</u>	<u>2,363,839</u>	<u>1,550,468</u>	<u>2,013,093</u>	<u>32,209,254</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,592,867	87,605	(1,456,607)	(1,279,170)	(1,055,305)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
BOND & NOTE PROCEEDS	-	-	783,500	-	783,500
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	491,000	-	1,470,500	2,022,195	3,983,695
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	<u>(3,472,195)</u>	<u>(186,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(325,000)</u>	<u>(3,983,695)</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(2,981,195)</u>	<u>(186,500)</u>	<u>2,254,000</u>	<u>1,697,195</u>	<u>783,500</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(1,388,328)	(98,895)	797,393	418,025	(271,805)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>4,613,814</u>	<u>769,793</u>	<u>986,649</u>	<u>3,660,541</u>	<u>10,030,797</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 3,225,486	\$ 670,898	\$ 1,784,042	\$ 4,078,566	\$ 9,758,992
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these general purpose financial statements

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUE:				
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 14,764,598	\$ 14,764,598	\$ 14,998,685	\$ 234,087
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	8,379,056	8,379,056	8,343,981	(35,075)
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	955,301	955,301	1,168,546	213,245
INVESTMENT INCOME	200,000	200,000	330,878	130,878
WATER & SEWER	1,080,000	1,080,000	1,291,356	211,356
SEWER BETTERMENTS	130,000	130,000	305,493	175,493
PENALTIES & INTEREST	95,000	95,000	153,878	58,878
TRASH FEES	665,000	665,000	678,351	13,351
DEPARTMENTAL	415,430	415,430	966,558	551,128
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>26,684,385</u>	<u>26,684,385</u>	<u>28,237,726</u>	<u>1,553,341</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,832,284	1,663,934	1,539,701	124,233
PUBLIC SAFETY	2,752,405	2,759,305	2,701,004	58,301
EDUCATION	13,629,326	13,656,077	13,656,077	-
PUBLIC WORKS	1,842,568	2,055,072	2,016,945	38,127
WATER & SEWER	1,343,469	1,278,469	1,266,953	11,516
HUMAN SERVICES	196,958	196,958	179,078	17,880
CULTURE & RECREATION	434,062	434,062	411,002	23,060
DEBT & INTEREST	3,400,000	3,400,000	3,375,217	24,783
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS	115,647	115,647	129,050	(13,403)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	888,000	898,000	863,676	34,324
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>26,434,719</u>	<u>26,457,524</u>	<u>26,138,703</u>	<u>318,821</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	249,666	226,861	2,099,023	1,872,162
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	491,000	491,000	491,000	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	(3,495,000)	(3,472,195)	(3,472,195)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	<u>(3,004,000)</u>	<u>(2,981,195)</u>	<u>(2,981,195)</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ (2,754,334)	\$ (2,754,334)	\$ (882,172)	\$ 1,872,162
	=====	=====	=====	=====
TRANSFER FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ 2,815,830	\$ 2,815,830		
PRIOR YEARS' DEFICITS RAISED	(61,496)	(61,496)		
	<u>\$ 2,754,334</u>	<u>\$ 2,754,334</u>		
	=====	=====		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these general purpose financial statements

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1998

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying general purpose financial statements present the financial position of the various funds and account group of the Town of Bellingham (the "Town") as of June 30, 1998. The report includes all the services provided by the Town to its residents and businesses within its boundaries. Municipal services provided include education, public safety, recreation, public works, library and general administration. Criteria used in determining the scope of the reporting entity included the Town's ability to significantly influence operations, selection of governing authority, designation of management, financial interdependency and accountability for fiscal matters. All operations of the Town that meet the preceding criteria are included in the reporting entity.

Excluded from the reporting entity:

Bellingham Housing Authority. The Bellingham Housing Authority has its own elected board. The Town does not exercise any oversight authority and has no influence in its budget or operations.

B. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town are presented on the basis of funds and an account group, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for in a set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, expenditures or expenses and other financing sources and uses. The various funds and account group are grouped by fund categories and fund types as follows:

Governmental Funds Types. Governmental Fund Types are those through which most governmental functions are typically financed. The acquisition, use, and balances of the government's expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The governmental funds maintained by the Town are as follows:

General Fund - is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditure for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Funds - are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities other than those financed by trust funds.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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JUNE 30, 1998

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Fiduciary Funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds. Fiduciary funds maintained by the Town are as follows:

Agency Funds - are used to account for funds that are custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of operations.

Expendable Trust Funds - are used to account for trust fund principal and income that may be expended in accordance with conditions of the trust. Expendable trust funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as governmental funds.

Account Group. An account group is used to establish accounting control and accountability for the unmatured principal of its general long-term debt and other long-term obligations that relate to the governmental funds. The Town does not maintain a general fixed asset group of accounts. The account group maintained by the Town is as follows:

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - is used to account for general long-term debt and certain other liabilities that are not specific liabilities of proprietary or trust funds.

C. Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types, expendable trust funds and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
NOTES TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 1998

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

The Town reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. Deferred revenues also arise when resources are received by the Town before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In the subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

D. Budgets

An annual budget is adopted for the Town's General Fund. Although legislative approval is required for certain capital projects and borrowing authorizations, annual budgets are not prepared for any other funds. Therefore comparison of budget to actual is only presented for the General Fund.

The Town's annual budget is adopted on a statutory basis that differs in some respects from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The major differences between the budget and GAAP basis are that:

- (a) Budgeted revenues are recorded when cash is received, except for real estate and personal property taxes, which are recorded as revenue when levied (budget), as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP);
- (b) Encumbrances are treated as expenditures in the year the purchase commitment is made. Also, certain appropriations, known as special articles, do not lapse and are treated as budgetary expenditures in the year they are authorized.

E. Cash and Investments

Cash balances from all funds, except those required to be segregated by law, are combined to form a pool of cash. Cash balances are invested to the extent available and interest earnings are recognized in the General Fund, certain Special Revenue Funds, Capital Projects Funds where required by state law.

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the Town.

Investments are stated at cost or amortized cost, except for investments in the deferred compensation agency fund which are reported at market value.

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JUNE 30, 1998

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

F. Accounts Receivable

Real and Personal Property Taxes. Real and Personal Property Taxes are based on values assessed as of each January 1 and are normally due on the subsequent August 1, November 1, February 1 and May 1. By law, all taxable property in the Commonwealth must be assessed at 100% of fair cash value. Taxes due and unpaid after the respective due dates are subject to interest and penalties assessed at 14%. The Town has an ultimate right to foreclosure on property for unpaid taxes. Property taxes are recorded as revenue in the fiscal accounting period that they become both measurable and available. "Available" means expected to be collected within 60 days after the year end of the fiscal year, except under unusual circumstances.

Other Accounts Receivable. Accounts receivable, other than real and personal property taxes, are recorded when billed. Allowances for bad debts, abatements and exemptions are estimated based on historical collections.

G. Inventories

Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when purchased. Inventories of proprietary funds are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method. Currently the Town does not have any proprietary funds that would use inventoriable items in the normal course of their operation.

H. Compensated Absences

Employees are granted sick and vacation leave in varying amounts based on tenure and in accordance with individual union contracts. Upon retirement certain employees are compensated for unused vacation and sick leave (subject to certain limitations) at their current rates of pay. The long-term liability for compensated absences is recorded in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group.

I. Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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JUNE 30, 1998

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

J. Deferred Revenue

In Governmental Funds, receivables that are not considered available are deferred until collected. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, such amounts are measurable but not available.

K. Fund Equity

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgeting integration in the General Fund. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservation of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities at that date.

L. Interfund Transactions

All interfund transactions are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

M. Memorandum Only - Total Columns

Total columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only for informational purposes.

Note 2. Budgets

Legal Compliance. Budgets are initially prepared by department heads or elected boards, reviewed by the Board of Selectmen, further reviewed by the Finance Committee which makes recommendations to the Town Meeting for approval. The Town must establish its property tax each year so that the property tax rate levy will comply with the limits established by Proposition 2-1/2, Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, and also equal the sum of (a) the aggregate of all annual appropriations, plus (b) the provision for prior year deficits, if any, less (c) the aggregate of all non-property tax revenues estimated to be received, including available funds. Supplemental appropriations may be made from available funds after the setting of the tax rate. All fiscal year appropriations except appropriations for special purposes lapse at year end.

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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Note 2. Budgets, continued

Budgetary Data. Budgetary data is based upon accounting principles that differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, in addition to the GAAP basis financial statements, the results of the General Fund are presented in accordance with budgetary accounting principles to provide a meaningful comparison with the budget. The following reconciliation summarizes the differences between GAAP and budgetary basis accounting principles for the General Fund for the year ended June 30, 1998:

	<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</u>
As reported on a budgetary basis	\$ (882,172)
Adjustment of revenue to modified accrual basis	(363,005)
To record fiscal year 1998 expenditures from prior year encumbrances and special articles	(773,790)
To eliminate fiscal year 1998 encumbrances and articles carried forward	<u>630,639</u>
As reported on GAAP basis	\$ (1,388,328) =====

Note 3. Deposits and Investments

The Town maintains a cash pool that is available for use by all funds, except trust funds. Each fund types' portion of this pool is reflected on the general purpose financial statements under the caption "Cash" and the interest earnings attributable to each fund type are included under "investment income".

State and local statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available to the Town. Deposits (including demand deposits, term deposits and certificates of deposit) in any one financial institution may not exceed certain levels within the financial institutions involved. Investments can also be made in securities issued by or unconditionally guaranteed by the U.S. Government or Agencies that have a maturity of less than one year from the date of purchase, repurchase agreements guaranteed by such securities with maturity dates of no more than 90 days from the date of purchase and units in the Massachusetts Municipal Depository Trust.

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Note 3. Deposits and Investments, continued

DEPOSITS

At year end, the carrying amount of the Town's deposits, excluding petty cash of \$385, was \$10,042,651 and the bank balance was \$10,789,007. The insurance coverage for the bank balance is listed below.

Insured Balances

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)	\$ 1,774,537
Depositor's Insurance Fund (DIF)	1,756,229
Shsre Insurance Fund	<u>830,904</u>

Balances Insured	4,361,670
Balances Uninsured & Uncollateralized	<u>6,427,337</u>
Total Balances Per Bank	<u>\$10,789,007</u> =====

INVESTMENTS

State statutes authorize the Town to invest in term deposits or certificates of deposit, in trust companies, national banks, savings banks or banking companies, and in obligations issued or unconditionally guaranteed by the United States Government or an agency thereof. The Town is also authorized to invest in repurchase agreements. Funds that are the result of a grant, gift or trust must be invested in accordance with the terms of such grant, gift or trust. Trust funds can be placed at interest in savings, trust or FDIC banking companies which are incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth or national banks. The Town is also authorized to invest in participation units in a combined investment fund, and bonds, notes or securities which are legal investments for savings banks.

The Town's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities held by the Town or its agent are in the Town's name.

Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker's or dealer's trust department or agent in the Town's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Town's name.

	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Carrying</u>	<u>Market</u>
						<u>Amount</u>	<u>Value</u>
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 1,030,904	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,030,904	\$ 1,030,904		
	=====	=====	=====				
State Treasurer's Investment Pool						<u>1,106,493</u>	<u>1,106,493</u>
						<u>\$ 2,137,397</u>	<u>\$ 2,137,397</u>
						=====	=====

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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JUNE 30, 1998

Note 3. Deposits and Investments, continued

The composition of the Town's deposits and investments fluctuates depending primarily on the timing of real estate tax receipts and operating and capital outlays throughout the year.

The following is a reconciliation of deposits and investments to the balance sheet categorization of "Cash" and "Investments".

	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Investments</u>
Balance as reflected above	\$10,042,651	\$ 2,137,397
Certificates of Deposit classified as investments	(1,030,904)	
Cash on hand	<u>385</u>	
Cash	\$ 9,012,132	
	=====	
Investments		<u>\$ 2,137,397</u> =====

Note 4. Fixed Assets

The Town does not capitalize the cost of general fixed assets as required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The effects on financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position due to this departure from GAAP is not reasonably determinable.

Note 5. Temporary borrowings

Under state law, and with the appropriate local authorization, the Town is authorized to borrow funds on a temporary basis as follows:

- . To fund current operations prior to the collection of revenues by issuing revenue anticipation notes (RANS).
- . To fund grants prior to reimbursement by issuing grant anticipation notes (GANS).
- . To fund Capital project costs incurred prior to selling permanent debt by issuing bond anticipation notes (BANS).

Temporary loans are general obligations of the Town and maturity dates are governed by statute.

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Note 6. Risk Management

The Town has established a limited risk management program for health care and workers' compensation benefits. Premiums are paid into the trust fund by all other funds and are available to pay claims, claim reserves and administrative costs of the program. The Town retains the health care provider to administer the claims process. An excess coverage insurance policy covers individual health care claims in excess of \$45,000. Estimated claims incurred but not paid or reported of \$75,000 have been recorded as of June 30, 1998. Funding is provided by Town Meeting authorized operating transfers from the General Fund and payroll withholdings from employees. An analysis of claims activities and current fund balances is presented below.

	<u>Risk Management Program</u>	
	<u>Health Care</u>	<u>Workers' Compensation</u>
Claims payable June 30, 1997	\$ 150,000	\$ -
Current year claims and changes in estimates	1,652,480	80,234
Actual claim payments	<u>(1,727,480)</u>	<u>(80,234)</u>
Claims payable June 30, 1998	\$ 75,000	\$ -
	=====	=====
Fund Balance	\$ 1,366,691	\$ 172,688
	=====	=====

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

Note 7. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Changes in Long-Term Obligations.

During the year ended June 30, 1998, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the general long-term obligations account group:

DESCRIPTION	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF MATURITY	INTEREST RATE	ORIGINAL	AMOUNT		AMOUNT	
				PRINCIPAL	OUTSTANDING	OUTSTANDING		
				AT JUNE 30,		AT JUNE 30,		
				AMOUNT	ADDITIONS	RETIREMENTS	AMOUNT	
				1997			1998	
BONDS PAYABLE:								
GENERAL OBLIGATION	07/01/91	07/01/11	7.39%	\$6,450,000	\$ 1,650,000	\$ -	\$ 1,320,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	01/15/90	01/15/05	6.74%	\$4,555,000	2,215,000	-	1,915,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	01/01/89	06/01/03	7.14%	\$4,300,000	1,690,000	-	1,400,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	02/01/89	12/01/03	7.14%	\$2,000,000	880,000	-	740,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	11/15/86	11/15/01	5.60%	\$3,845,000	825,000	-	660,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	09/01/94	09/01/14	5.45%	\$5,710,000	5,060,000	-	4,740,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	12/06/94	12/06/14	5.63%	\$390,000	350,000	-	330,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	03/12/96	03/12/12	4.92%	\$3,725,000	3,725,000	-	3,705,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	12/15/96	12/15/11	4.76%	\$3,953,000	3,953,000	-	3,570,000	
TOTAL BONDS PAYABLE					20,348,000	-	18,380,000	

NOTES PAYABLE:

GENERAL OBLIGATION	12/17/97	12/17/98	3.95%		442,000	-	235,000	207,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	10/01/97	10/01/98	3.98%		-	375,000	-	375,000	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	04/14/97	04/14/99	3.95%		-	208,500	-	208,500	
GENERAL OBLIGATION	06/30/98	06/30/99	3.96%			200,000	-	200,000	
TOTAL NOTES PAYABLE					442,000	783,500	235,000	990,500	
TOTAL BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE					20,790,000	783,500	2,203,000	19,370,500	

OTHER OBLIGATIONS:

ACCRUED COMPENSATED ABSENCES	-	654,468**	-	654,468					
LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS	415,000	-	115,000*	300,000					
	415,000	654,468	115,000	954,468					
	\$ 21,205,000	\$ 1,437,968	\$ 2,318,000	\$ 20,324,968					
	=====	=====	=====	=====					

* = REPRESENTS NET DECREASE IN ESTIMATE

** - REPRESENTS INITIAL ESTIMATE AS OF JUNE 30, 1998

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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JUNE 30, 1998

Note 7. Long-term Obligations, continued

General Obligations Bonds

The annual requirements to amortize all outstanding bonds, including interest, as of June 30, 1998 is as follows:

Year Ended	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
June 30, 1999	\$ 1,990,000	\$ 994,340	\$ 2,984,340
2000	1,975,000	870,983	2,845,983
2001	1,975,000	753,655	2,728,655
2002	1,980,000	637,410	2,617,410
2003	1,660,000	532,195	2,192,195
thereafter	<u>8,800,000</u>	<u>2,209,684</u>	<u>11,009,684</u>
	\$ 18,380,000	\$ 5,998,267	\$ 24,378,267
	=====	=====	=====

The Town also has bond anticipation notes of \$200,000 in the Special Revenue Fund and \$500,000 in the Capital Projects Fund, and \$990,500 in the Long-Term Obligations Account Group. The bond anticipation notes in the Long-Term Obligations Account Group represent permanent financing that will be paid down in future years rather than permanently bonded later.

Legal Debt Margin

The following is a computation of the legal debt margin as of June 30, 1998:

Equalized Valuation (January 1, 1998)		
Personal Property and Real Estate		\$1,051,041,800
Debt Limit - 5.0% of Equalized Valuation		\$ 52,552,090
Long-term bonds & notes outstanding	\$ 19,370,500	
Loans authorized & unissued	35,141,900	
Less: Authorized & unissued - outside debt limit	(250,000)	
Less: Debt issued - outside debt limit	<u>\$ (15,608,000)</u>	<u>38,654,400</u>
Legal Debt Margin - inside debt limit		\$ 13,897,690
		=====
Equalized Valuation (January 1, 1998)		
Personal Property and Real Estate		\$1,051,041,800
Debt Limit - 10.0% of Equalized Valuation		\$ 105,104,180
Long-term bonds & notes outstanding	\$ 19,370,500	
Loans authorized & unissued	<u>\$ 35,141,900</u>	<u>54,512,400</u>
Legal Debt Margin - all debt		\$ 50,591,780
		=====

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Note 7. Long-term Obligations, continued

Overlapping Debt

The Town pays assessments under formulas which include debt service payments to other governmental agencies providing services to the Town, (commonly referred to as overlapping debt). The following summary sets forth the long-term debt of such governmental agencies and the estimated share being financed by the Town as of June 30, 1998:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>Total Long-Term Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Town's Estimated Share</u>	<u>Town's Indirect Debt</u>
Norfolk County	\$ 1,475,000	2.04%	\$ 30,090
Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District	525,000	11.232%	58,968
	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>		<u>\$ 89,058</u>
	=====		=====

Note 8. Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs

The Town's landfill was closed in 1996 by order of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The DEP approved the capping construction of the landfill in December 1996. The Town is responsible for postclosure monitoring at the site for thirty years and the estimated liability has been recorded in the General Long-Term Obligations Account Group.

Note 9. Undesignated Fund Balance

In order to prepare the accompanying financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, certain budgetary surpluses and deficits, which would otherwise be reflected on the balance sheet under the Massachusetts Statutory System, have been included in undesignated fund balances as follows:

Undesignated	\$ 2,310,114
Appropriation Deficits	(10,587)
Abatements & Exemptions Deficit FY98	(113,972)
State and County Assessments, Net	(8,003)
	<u>\$ 2,177,552</u>
	=====

Note 10. Designated Fund Balance

The composition of designated fund balance is as follows:

Fund Balance Reserved for Special Purposes	\$ 150,000
Fund Balance Reserved for Petty Cash	385
	<u>\$ 150,385</u>
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TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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Note 11. Appropriation Deficits

Excess of actual expenditures over budget for the General Fund:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Snow & Ice Control	\$ 10,587
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Note 12. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Numerous lawsuits are pending or threatened against the Town, including those claims asserted which are incidental to performing ordinary governmental functions. Such litigation includes actions commenced and claims asserted against the Town for property damage and personal injury, breaches of contract, condemnation proceedings and other alleged violations of law. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable in the opinion of the Town attorney the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Town.

As of June 30, 1998, the Town has loans authorized but unissued as follows:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Jr/Sr High School	10/08/97	\$ 34,500,000
Sewer Systems	#17 05/24/95	250,000
School Textbooks	#8 05/27/98	178,000
Blackstone St. School Sewer	#13 05/27/98	150,000
Playing Fields II	#8 05/28/97	50,000
Town Hall Renovations	#10 05/28/97	13,500
Macy School Roof	#08 05/24/95	400
		<u>\$ 35,141,900</u>
		=====

TOWN OF BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
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Note #13 Employee Retirement System

The Town follows the provisions of GASB Statement No.27, Accounting for State and Local Government Employees, with respect to the employees retirement funds.

A. Plan Description

The Town contributes to the Norfolk County Contributory Retirement System (the "System"), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan administered by a county retirement board. The System provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws assigns authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan, and grant cost-of-living increases, to the State legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report which can be obtained through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission ("PERAC"), One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

B. Funding Policy

Plan members are required to contribute to the system at rates ranging from 5% to 11% of annual covered compensation. The Town is required to pay into the System, its share of the remaining systemwide actuarially determined contribution plus administration costs which are apportioned among the employers based on active covered payroll. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts reimburses the System for a portion of benefit payments for cost of living increases. The contributions to the System for years ended June 30, 1998, 1997 and 1996 were \$672,265, \$633,606 and \$602,687, respectively, which were equal to its required contributions for each of these years.

FISCAL 1998 DEBT SCHEDULE
LONG TERM DEBT SCHEDULE

	A. GENERAL OBLIGATION	OUTSTANDING	ISSUED	RETIRED	OUTSTANDING	INTEREST
		7/1/97	THIS YEAR	THIS YEAR	6/30/98	THIS YEAR
	INSIDE BUILDINGS					
29001	FIRE STATION	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$8,820.00
29003	LIBRARY	\$440,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$370,000.00	\$29,125.00
29004	LIBRARY	\$515,000.00	\$0.00	\$65,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$34,795.00
29005	FIRE	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$8,040.00
19X	SUB-TOTAL BUILDINGS	\$1,250,000.00	\$0.00	\$230,000.00	\$1,020,000.00	\$80,780.00
	SCHOOL					
29008	STALLBROOK ROOF	\$302,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,000.00	\$283,000.00	\$16,495.00
29010	PINECREST	\$350,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$19,125.00
29011	MACY ROOF	\$436,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$406,000.00	\$20,147.50
29012	4 ROOM MOD CLASSROOM	\$400,000.00	\$0.00	\$80,000.00	\$320,000.00	\$17,140.00
19H	SUB-TOTAL SCHOOL	\$1,488,000.00	\$0.00	\$149,000.00	\$1,339,000.00	\$72,907.50
	OTHER INSIDE					
29009	ATHLETIC FIELDS	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$2,037.50
29013	BALLFIELD LIGHTS	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$2,641.50
29014	LADDER TRUCK	\$405,000.00	\$0.00	\$81,000.00	\$324,000.00	\$17,354.26
19X	SUB-TOTAL OTHER	\$505,000.00	\$0.00	\$92,000.00	\$413,000.00	\$22,033.26
	TOTAL INSIDE DEBT	\$3,243,000.00	\$0.00	\$471,000.00	\$2,772,000.00	\$175,720.76
	OUTSIDE WATER					
29500	PUMPING STATION	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$6,300.00
29505	WATER TREATMENT EQUIP	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$3,385.00
29506	WELL	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$2,705.00
29508	WATER TREATMENT FACILITY	\$1,520,682.83	\$0.00	\$95,717.47	\$1,424,965.36	\$77,812.27
29509	WATER MAINS	\$84,482.37	\$0.00	\$5,317.64	\$79,164.73	\$4,322.91
29510	WELL	\$49,123.24	\$0.00	\$5,156.67	\$43,966.57	\$2,910.11
29511	WELL	\$92,084.28	\$0.00	\$5,349.83	\$86,734.45	\$4,605.46
29514	CORROSION CONTROL	\$280,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$245,000.00	\$14,262.50
29515	WELL ENGINEERING	\$144,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$126,000.00	\$7,335.00
29516	STANDPIPE REHAB	\$144,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$126,000.00	\$7,335.00
29517	WELL	\$810,000.00	\$0.00	\$51,000.00	\$759,000.00	\$37,518.24
29519	LAND-WELL	\$42,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$37,000.00	\$1,851.00
19A	SUB-TOTAL WATER	\$3,381,372.72	\$0.00	\$273,541.61	\$3,107,831.11	\$170,342.49
	SEWER					
29502	SEWER	\$525,000.00	\$0.00	\$105,000.00	\$420,000.00	\$26,460.00
29504	SEWER	\$440,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$370,000.00	\$29,125.00
29512	SEWER	\$3,628,627.28	\$0.00	\$238,458.39	\$3,390,168.89	\$187,199.25
29513	SEWER	\$4,150,000.00	\$0.00	\$225,000.00	\$3,925,000.00	\$228,810.00
29520	REMEDiated SEWERS	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
19X	SUB-TOTAL SEWER	\$8,743,627.28	\$50,000.00	\$638,458.39	\$8,155,168.89	\$471,594.25
	SCHOOL					
29503	SCHOOL	\$1,690,000.00	\$0.00	\$290,000.00	\$1,400,000.00	\$120,830.00
29507	SCHOOL	\$1,490,000.00	\$0.00	\$165,000.00	\$1,325,000.00	\$100,610.00
19H	SUB-TOTAL SCHOOL	\$3,180,000.00	\$0.00	\$455,000.00	\$2,725,000.00	\$221,440.00
	OTHER					
29518	LANDFILL	\$1,800,000.00	\$0.00	\$130,000.00	\$1,670,000.00	\$82,482.50
19X	SUB-TOTAL OTHER	\$1,800,000.00	\$0.00	\$130,000.00	\$1,670,000.00	\$82,482.50
	TOTAL OUTSIDE DEBT	\$17,105,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,497,000.00	\$15,658,000.00	\$945,859.24
	TOTAL GENERAL OBLIGATION	\$20,348,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,968,000.00	\$18,430,000.00	\$1,121,580.00

A. GENERAL OBLIGATION	OUTSTANDING	ISSUED	RETIRED	OUTSTANDING	INTEREST
	7/1/97	THIS YEAR	THIS YEAR	6/30/98	THIS YEAR
C. SHORT TERM					
BANS-SCHOOL COMPUTER LEASE I	\$142,019.05	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$67,019.05	\$5,538.00
BANS-TOWN COMPUTER	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$5,175.00
BANS-PLAYING FIELDS PHASE I	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,950.00
BANS-TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS	\$0.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$35,059.67
SANS-HIGHWAY CHAPTER 90	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,914.52
BANS-HIGH SCHOOL TRACK RUBBERIZATION	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
BANS-PLAYING FIELDS PHASE II	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
BANS-SCHOOL COMPUTER LEASE II	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00
BANS-DOCUTECH LEASE/PURCHASE	\$0.00	\$163,500.00	\$0.00	\$163,500.00	\$0.00
BANS-PATCH/PLOW TRUCK	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00
BANS-NEW JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	
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TOTAL SHORT TERM	\$442,019.05	\$2,583,500.00	\$1,535,000.00	\$1,490,519.05	\$50,637.19

Town of Bellingham
YTD Trial Balance
Fiscal Year: 1998

Account Description	Beginning Balance	Debits	Credits	Ending Balance
970 ACCT GRP-LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS				
10400 CASH, UNRESTRICTED	.00	1,642,000.00	1,642,000.00	.00
19701 INVESTMENT IN DEF COMP PLAN	2,879,397.77	.00	2,879,397.77	.00
19801 AMTS TO BE PROV-LTD(LANDFILL)	415,000.00	.00	115,000.00	300,000.00
19850 AMOUNTS TO BE PROVIDED-ABSCEN	.00	669,575.00	.00	669,575.00
19960 AMOUNTS TO PROVIDE FOR BONDS	20,348,000.00	50,000.00	1,968,000.00	18,430,000.00
20200 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	.00	442,000.00	442,000.00	.00
27001 DEFERRED COMP PAYABLE	-2,879,397.77	2,879,397.77	.00	.00
28001 LANDFILL CLOSING/MONITOR COSTS	-415,000.00	115,000.00	.00	-300,000.00
28850 ACCRUED COMP ABS PAYABLE	.00	.00	669,575.00	-669,575.00
29001 I-BDS PAY-FIRE STATION 1986	-175,000.00	35,000.00	.00	-140,000.00
29003 I-BDS-PAY-LIBRARY 1989	-440,000.00	70,000.00	.00	-370,000.00
29004 I-BDS PAY-LIBRARY 1990	-515,000.00	65,000.00	.00	-450,000.00
29005 I-BDS PAY-FIRE STATION 1990	-120,000.00	60,000.00	.00	-60,000.00
29008 I-BDS PAY-STALLBROOK ROOF 1994	-302,000.00	19,000.00	.00	-283,000.00
29009 I-BDS PAY-ATHLETIC FIELDS 1994	-40,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-35,000.00
29010 I-BDS PAY-PINECREST ROOF-1994	-350,000.00	20,000.00	.00	-330,000.00
29011 I-BDS-MACY ROOF 1996	-436,000.00	30,000.00	.00	-406,000.00
29012 I-BDS-4 ROOM MOD CLASS 1997	-400,000.00	80,000.00	.00	-320,000.00
29013 I-BDS-BALLFIELD LIGHTS 1997	-60,000.00	6,000.00	.00	-54,000.00
29014 I-BDS-LADDER TRUCK 1997	-405,000.00	81,000.00	.00	-324,000.00
29500 O-BDS PAY-PUMPING STATION 1986	-125,000.00	25,000.00	.00	-100,000.00
29502 O-BDS PAY-SEWER 1986	-525,000.00	105,000.00	.00	-420,000.00
29503 O-BDS PAY-SCHOOL 1989	-1,690,000.00	290,000.00	.00	-1,400,000.00
29504 O-BDS PAY-SEWER 1989	-440,000.00	70,000.00	.00	-370,000.00
29505 O-BDS PAY-WATER FACILITY 1990	-50,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-45,000.00
29506 O-BDS PAY-WELL 1990	-40,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-35,000.00
29507 O-BDS PAY-SCHOOL 1990	-1,490,000.00	165,000.00	.00	-1,325,000.00
29508 O-BDS PAY-WATER FACILTIY	-1,520,682.83	95,717.47	.00	-1,424,965.36
29509 O-BDS PAY-WATER MAIN 1991	-84,482.37	5,317.64	.00	-79,164.73
29510 O-BDS PAY-WELL 1991	-49,123.24	5,156.67	.00	-43,966.57
29511 O-BDS PAY-WELL 1991	-92,084.28	5,349.83	.00	-86,734.45
29512 O-BDS PAY-SEWER 1991	-3,628,627.28	238,458.39	.00	-3,390,168.89
29513 O-BDS PAY-SEWER 1994	-4,150,000.00	225,000.00	.00	-3,925,000.00
29514 O-BDS PAY-CORROSION CNTRL 1994	-280,000.00	35,000.00	.00	-245,000.00
29515 O-BDS PAY-WELL/ENG. 1994	-144,000.00	18,000.00	.00	-126,000.00
29516 O-BDS PAY-STANDPIPE REHAB 1994	-144,000.00	18,000.00	.00	-126,000.00
29517 O-BDS-WELL CONSTRUCTION 1996	-810,000.00	51,000.00	.00	-759,000.00
29518 O-BDS-LANDFILL 1995	-1,800,000.00	130,000.00	.00	-1,670,000.00
29519 O-BDS-ADDT'L WELL/LAND 1997	-42,000.00	5,000.00	.00	-37,000.00
29520 O-BDS REMEDIATED SWR 1996 200K	.00	.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00
37000 BONDS AUTHORIZED/UNISSUED MEMO	-1,938,900.00	1,833,500.00	35,536,500.00	-35,641,900.00
37001 BDS AUTH-MACY ROOF/REPAIR 1996	400.00	.00	.00	400.00
37002 BDS AUTH-DPW PLOW TRUCK 45K	.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	.00
37005 BDS AUTH-REMEDIED SWR 1996	250,000.00	.00	50,000.00	200,000.00
37009 PLAYING FIELDS(1997)100K PH-1	50,000.00	.00	.00	50,000.00
37014 H/S TRACK-RUBBERIZED(1998)25K	25,000.00	.00	25,000.00	.00
37015 PLAYING FIELDS(1998)100K PH-II	100,000.00	.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
37016 TOWN HALL RENOVATE(1998) 1.2M	1,213,500.00	.00	1,200,000.00	13,500.00
37017 SCHOOL/COMP LEASE II(1998)300K	300,000.00	.00	300,000.00	.00

Town of Bellingham
YTD Trial Balance
Fiscal Year: 1998

Account Description	Beginning Balance	Debits	Credits	Ending Balance
37018 SR HIGH/JR/SR HIGH (1998)(35M)	.00	35,000,000.00	.00	35,000,000.00
37019 DOCUTECH LEASE (1998) (163.5K)	.00	163,500.00	163,500.00	.00
37020 SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS (1999) \$178K	.00	178,000.00	.00	178,000.00
37021 SCH BLDG SWR PROJ (1999) \$150K	.00	150,000.00	.00	150,000.00
97002 PATCH PLOW TRUCK 45K (1998)	.00	.00	45,000.00	-45,000.00
97009 PLAYING FIELDS (1997) \$100K	-50,000.00	60,000.00	50,000.00	-40,000.00
97011 SCHOOL COMPUTER LEASE (1997)	-142,019.05	217,019.05	142,000.00	-67,000.00
97013 TOWN COMPUTER LEASE(1997)\$500K	-250,000.00	400,000.00	250,000.00	-100,000.00
97014 H/S TRACK RUBBERIZED(1998) 25K	.00	.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00
97015 PLAYING FIELDS PH II(1998)100K	.00	.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00
97016 TOWN HALL RENOVATE(1998) 1.2M	.00	2,200,000.00	2,400,000.00	-200,000.00
97017 SCHOOL COMP LEASE II(1998)300K	.00	.00	300,000.00	-300,000.00
97019 DOCUTECH LEASE (1998) (163.5K)	.00	.00	163,500.00	-163,500.00
99960 AMTS TO PROVIDE-NOTES PAYABLE	442,019.05	1,783,500.00	1,235,019.05	990,500.00
Total 970 ACCT GRP-LONG TERM OBLIGATIONS	.00	49,796,491.82	49,796,491.82	.00
***** GRAND TOTAL *****	.00	49,796,491.82	49,796,491.82	.00

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COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL TOWN REPORT - 1998

It is a pleasure to submit the Council on Aging's annual town report.

The senior center is open Mondays thru Thursdays, 9:00 to 4:00 and Fridays 9:00 to 3:00. Daily activities take place such as cardplaying, linedancing, tai chi classes, bingo, special speakers, monthly birthday parties, as well as monthly Council on Aging meetings and also Elder Service Group Meetings. Many trips are held during the course of the year which the seniors love to take advantage of.

We also offer daily van transportation to doctors, hospitals, clinics, banking, grocery shopping, hairdressers, barbers, as well as rides to the senior center. Our three part-time drivers who share a 40 hour work week are always on the go. They average about 2500 miles a month with the two vans.

Our thanks to the Townspeople who voted to appropriate money for the Town to purchase a new senior citizens/handicapped van. We received it last March (1998) and is much appreciated, as the old van had seen its better days.

The monthly Council on Aging newsletter called "The Spirit of Bellingham" is mailed monthly to every senior citizen household. It has all the scheduled activities going on at the center, as well as news from the local and federal level regarding elder affairs along with bits of fun reading.

This past year the Council on Aging received its formula grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in the amount of \$7,924. These monies are used to pay a maintenance person to clean the center; a foreign language and outreach instructor; partial payment of monthly newsletter; gas mileage for senior aide; conferences and a parttime friendly visitor.

Many extra services are available during the course of the year to our senior citizens. Vital signs (blood pressure clinics) are held monthly, either at the center, or at the Elderly Housings, Depot Court and Wrentham Manor. Influenza clinics are also held in the months of October and November at the above places. This year Visiting Nurses of Greater Woonsocket gave over 175 innoculations. Also available is income tax assistance thru AARP (a free service) during the months of January, February and March. Fuel assistance applications are available by making an appointment with the Director during the months of November thru April of the following year. For those in Town, whether elderly or otherwise who are of low income, should look into this program.

The COA also operates an Elderly Social Day Care Program. This special program provides supervised socialization and activities for the clients who attend. There is a daily fee for attending and for those who are income eligible, it can be subsidized by our Regional Home Care Program which is Tri-Valley Elder Services.

The Elder Service Group which is the COA Friends Group is very active and holds monthly meetings, as well as fundraisers to help the center and from time to time some families in Town who are in need.

The Council on Aging Board is made up of eleven members who are: George Munger, Chairman; Raymond Boutiette, Vice Chairman; Mary Peluso, Treasurer; and Eleanor Lawless, Secretary. Members at large are: Catherine Detore, John Fisher, Norman Gibeault, Mildred Gorman, Jennie Monteiro, William Monteiro and Laurette Plouffe. The meetings are held every 2nd. Tuesday of the month at 1:00 P.M.


I am most grateful to all members of the Board for their cooperation and support during the year and also for the interest they have in their peers.

My thanks also to all employees of the COA as well as Elderly Social Day Care, our outreach and friendly visitors and last but not least all the volunteers who in any way help to make the senior center more enjoyable to come to.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Board of Selectmen, our Town Administrator, Denis Fraine and the Finance Committee for their support during the year.

The Council on Aging Board members, its Director and staff continue to do their utmost to serve and accomodate the senior citizens of Bellingham.

Respectfully submitted,


Muriel Simmons, COA Director



In Fiscal Year 1998 the Bellingham Cultural Council received \$ 9,277 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to award to applicants for artistic programs. In addition, due to the generosity of the voters in funding the local Cultural Council, the BCC was able to apply to the MCC's Matching Incentive program. We were awarded \$3,481, giving us a total of \$12,758 for the Fiscal 1998 grants program.

We approved \$8,225 to give partial support to 16 regular grant projects, \$2,042 for 14 Performing Arts Student Series (P.A.S.S.) trips for children, and \$2,240 for council-originated projects: Arts Center support, visual arts competitions, and our annual art scholarship for a graduating senior. This year the award went to Kristina Bennett of Newland Avenue.

The Bellingham Town Common Committee, in conjunction with the BCC, received \$4,800 toward a commissioned piece of art to be located at the Town Common.

General grants included two performances for the Bellingham Early Childhood Program, a trip to the Picasso exhibit for high school students, a multi-cultural event for patrons of the Bellingham Public Library, and an art demonstration for public sponsored by the Blackstone Valley Art Association, a clarinet workshop for music students at the high school, an interactive theater for students at the Primavera Educational Center, and a performance for the Council on Aging.

Also, Macy students were treated to a workshop/performance by Hola Kuumba, South Elementary PTO received funds for the Epic Brass Quintet's Educational Program, Plimoth Plantation Outreach Program, Fun with Science, and the Acton Discovery Museum's Outreach Program. Stall Brook School was awarded grants to go along with its Historical Perspective curriculum, choosing performance by artists portraying Helen Keller and C.J. Walker.

P.A.S.S. recipients traveled out of town so children could visit the Boston Museum of Science, Boston Ballet, Sturbridge Village, Plimoth Plantation, New England Aquarium, Decordova Museum, Children's Science Discovery Museum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and the New England Science Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Myrna F. Simonson
BCC Treasurer

January 10 opened an exhibit by U Mass. Dartmouth Art Professor Marc St.Pierre entitled "The World in a Box:An Exhibition of Pinhole Photography", at the Bellingham Public Library in the Community Room. It ran until February 14 and brought an ancient art to new heights.

On Jan. 12th, the BCC partially funded an art demonstration presented by the Blackstone Valley Art Association. Thomas E. Hanley, of Pocasset MA demonstrated a lithographic process using a paper printing plate, eliminating the use of a litho stone and caustic etching process.

February 19 to March 29 brought a show of fourteen abstract paintings depicting the gods, goddesses and places of Norse Mythology. These large paintings, each three feet by four feet, were done by artist Edward R. Rogaishio of Framingham.

The ever popular Bellingham Quilters' Quilt Show opened on April 18 and ran until May 1st. Included were quilts to be donated to the "Hole in the Wall Gang Camps"

The Cultural Council's Annual Art Competition opened June 13 with 59 entries by 25 adult participants and 8 entries by 4 children.

This show closed July 17. Adult works were judged by Ray Andreotti of Hopedale. After a Summer break, the Council sponsored its Annual Photography^{Hopedale} Competition.

The opening reception was held October 10 and was attended by the judge, Larry Winn, who had very informative discussions with the attending artists. There were 83 entries with 34 participants that included 5 youths.

This report on exhibitions was written by Muriel L. Henault Locklin, Curator of Exhibitions and Recording Secretary for the BCC.

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Beth Cornell-Smith, Chairperson

Re: Annual Report of the Finance Committee

It was another good financial year for the Town of Bellingham. With aggressive work in the Financial Offices, Bellingham again had Free Cash available to fund important capital needs.

As we begin the process for the fiscal 2000 budget, we look forward to continued good communications amongst all town departments to facilitate the budget process.

The Finance Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have spent many long hours preparing for the 1999 Annual Town Meetings and the development of the Fiscal 2000 budget.

Respectfully,

Beth Cornell- Smith, Chairperson
James D. Caddick, Vice Chairperson
Sharon M. Bryant, Secretary
Henri J. Masson
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Marianne E. Rose
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REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

PERMANENT PERSONNEL

Fire Chief Richard Ranieri *
Deputy Thomas Guerin *m
Lieutenant Andre Genereux *md

PRIVATES

Ernest Hadley *, Richard Marcoux *md, Joseph Deslauriers *md,
Michael Delorme *md, Joseph Robidoux *md, Michael Marcet *md,
Christopher Mach *, Steven Gentile *md, Joseph Altomonte *md,
Gary Fafard *m, Eric Provost *md, Joseph Manning *md,
Chris Milot *md, William Bennett *md, Neil Coakley *md

CALL PERSONNEL

Lt. William Borkowski	Lt. Walter Power, Jr.
Edward Armstrong	Robert Harpin
William Slaney *md	Jane Malo *md
Kevin Haley *md	Kevin Yeaton *m
Mark Lamoreaux	

* denotes Emergency Medical Technician
m denotes MAST certified
d denotes defibrillator certified

Fire Department Activity

The department responded to 18 building fires; 19 appliance fires; 39 box alarms; 85 vehicle assistance calls; 213 investigations; 42 outside fires; 80 details; and gave mutual aid to Franklin-7; and Blackstone-2. Fire mutual aid was received from Franklin-3; Medway-2; Blackstone-1; Milford-1; and Woonsocket-1. Rescue calls were 1,234.

Total calls for 1998 were 2,522 compared to 2,308 for 1997; 2,400 for 1996; 2,136 for 1995; 1,850 for 1994; and 1,917 in 1993. The department issued 775 permits after inspection. The total is inclusive of these.

Building fires were broken down as follows: 7-house; 6-chimney fires; 4- commercial buildings and 1-storage building. The causes of the above fires were as follows: Heating devices-10 (this includes fires caused by woodstoves, fireplaces, chimneys, etc.); electrical-2; unattended cooking-1 careless use of candles-1; dryer-2; friction/grinding-2.

Box Alarms were broken down as follows: accidental/malfunction-33; fire/smoke-3; malicious false-3.

Appliance fires were broken down as follows: stove/oven-2; heating systems-6 electrical equipment-4; dryer/washer-4; gas grille-2 electric blanket-1.

Vehicle assistance calls were broken down as follows: fuel spills-45; car fires-15; Life Flight standby-9; truck fires-7; extrication-6; and rescue boat assist-3.

Rescue calls were broken down as follows: 712 home emergencies; 283 motor vehicle accidents; 70 miscellaneous and 169 mutual aid. (TO; Franklin-21; Hopedale-10; Medway-5; Blackstone-2; and Mendon-2. FROM: Franklin-73; Blackstone-24; Woonsocket-24; Medway-5; Millis-2; and private ambulance-1.

Inspections and Permits

Lt. Genereux supervised inspection duties. Inspections were made of businesses and where needed corrections were recommended. The workload for plan reviews, inspections and permits continues to be very time consuming. Numerous plans were reviewed by the Chief, Deputy Guerin and Lt. Genereux. There were permits issued as follows: oil storage-112; install smoke detectors-421; propane storage-72; install fire suppression systems-41; salamander permit-1; install fire alarm systems-25; install AST-9; dumpster-8; storage of flammable/combustible liquids-11; welding-21; blasting-3; tank modifications-9; fireworks display-1; tank truck-13; tank removals-28.

In addition to the above permits 860 open burning permits were issued. It is a proven fact that inspection of businesses throughout the year by fire personnel has helped keep the incidents of fire in these establishments to a minimum. All local businesses are to be commended for their cooperation in trying to make their places of business violation free for the safety of their employees and patrons.

Fire Prevention, Public Safety and Education

All schools were inspected and the required four fire drills were held. Public Education Co-ordinator Michael Marcet continues to go to the elementary schools to reinforce the "Learn Not To Burn" curriculum. The cooperation of the teaching staff and the School Administration has been superb allowing the program to be successful. The S.A.F.E. grant money received for FY 99 was \$4,634.00. The grant application was filed by Chief Ranieri and the money received was more than FY 98.

The department participated in the Bellingham Pride Day festivities by passing out fire prevention information, notepads, water bottles and other general information. The department also participated in the Health Day Fair at the High School. The ladder truck was on display, blood pressures were taken and literature was passed out to residents.

The Chief wishes to caution all residents with woodstoves and other solid fuel heating devices that maintenance and periodic cleaning of these and other heating devices is critical. Residents are also cautioned against placing hot ashes into combustible containers as well as placing combusti-

bles too close to hot surfaces.

The Chief wishes to remind residents that fire personnel are available to speak at meetings of various social and professional groups. To obtain a speaker call the fire station at 966-1112 several weeks in advance of the desired date to make arrangements with the Chief.

Vehicles, Personnel and Training

Personnel received training for CPR and defibrillator recertification requirements under the direction of EMS Co-ordinator Michael Delorme. Fire training was held under the direction of Lt. Andre Genereux. The Fire-fighter II program was instructed as well as special training in the use of Large Diameter Hose and the CairnsIris Thermal Imaging System.

Fire personnel received training in ice rescue equipment and techniques. This training was conducted by Firefighter Chris Milot.

The department began upgrading the personal protective equipment for the firefighters. This is a multi-year program to assure that the firefighters have reliable equipment for their protection.

A new vehicle operation policy was developed and put into place after a training program. This new policy was developed to assure that vehicle operations coincide with the level of emergency. The purpose of this regulation is to assure that operators follow procedures to minimize potential for motor vehicle accidents. This will be for the safety of the motoring public as well as the fire personnel.

The department implemented the Knox Box key security system for the Town. Many businesses and municipal buildings have installed these security boxes which will allow quicker access into buildings after normal operating hours in the event of an alarm or other emergency.

I wish to thank all Town Boards and the taxpayers for the appropriation for the new pumper at the fall Town meeting. Specs have been advertised and the bid opening will be in January 1999.

The Town and the union have been negotiating the impacts of a Paramedic program for the Town. This will certainly have many benefits and should help improve patient care. This will be a major accomplishment for the Town if this program gets implemented.

Buildings

The Town needs to look at beginning the process of replacing the outlying fire stations. Both buildings are not large enough to accomodate the larger apparatus and equipment being built today. In addition there are no living facilites at either station which poses a problem. With the commercial growth in the north end of Town some consideration may need to be given to staffing the north fire station. The call volume in that area has increased. In addition, trying to get through Hartford Ave. traffic has become even more problematic. The heavy traffic congestion has reduced response times to the northern end of Town.

Other

The department turned in the sum of \$208,528.36 to the Town Treasurer for 1998. The amount is broken down as follows: Smoke detector (new construction)-\$1,260.00; smoke detector(resale)-\$3,160.00; install fire alarm systems-\$500.00; reinspection fees-\$755.00; oil burner fees-\$1,170.00; fire reports-\$70.00; propane storage-\$760.00; 21E reports-\$370.00; rescue reports-\$140.00; FP 290-\$90.00; tank truck permits-\$170.00; restitution for illegal burning-\$1,957.90; install fire suppression systems-\$950.00; outside detail fees-\$75.00; miscellaneous-\$4,812.79; blasting-\$30.00; open burning-\$3,450.00; trash compactors-\$50.00; welding permits-\$250.00; fire rescue gift account-\$100.00; outside details=\$3,449.06; insurance recovery account-\$898.27; tank removal permits-\$290.00; and ambulance receipts-\$183,770.34.

The Chief urges residents to install, maintain, and periodically test smoke detectors. It has been proven time and time again that the early warning provided by smoke detectors helps in allowing occupants time to escape. It also results in earlier notification of the fire and may help in reducing fire damage.

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Denis Fraine, other Town Departments and Boards for their assistance. Particular appreciation goes to Deputy Guerin, Lieutenant Genereux, Mariette Eldredge, and all the firefighters both permanent and call, for their dedication and cooperation in my efforts to better serve the citizens of Bellingham.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD F. RANIERI
Fire Chief



Bellingham Historical Commission

3 Common Street
Bellingham, MA 02019

TOWN ANNUAL REPORT for the Year 1998.

To the Honorable Board of Selectman;

This coming year the Bellingham Historical Commission will be celebrating it's 25th Anniversary. We are very proud of our accomplishments. We have our own museum to house our antiquities that is open most every Sunday., we publish a historical newsletter, the Crimpville Comments, and distributed free throughout the community., we have a dedicated volunteer committee that has a deep sincere interest in local historical preservation., but most of all what makes our committee a success is the overwhelming support of our community. We make every effort to do the best we can with the knowledge and resources available to us. We admit our flaws and in one area we are lacking is in professional expertise. We are always looking for help so if you would like to volunteer please pay us a visit.

Sunday, May 17th, 1998 was our tenth Annual Historical Appreciation Day awards ceremony. This special award was presented to Daniel G. Weston. Mr. Weston's dedication with the Crimpville Comments and his love for local town history has helped make the B.H.C. work that much more successful. Our museum has been open to the public every Sunday from May 17 thru November.

Another traditional annual ceremony celebrated by the B.H.C. is our Boston Post Cane Day. This 'golden' cane is presented each May to the eldest resident of our town. This years' recipient is 96 year old Mrs. Cecile Dalpe. Each year this special event is held at the Blackstone Valley Adult Day Care Center facility located on South Main St.

We were saddened by the retirement from this commission by Mrs. Rita Sawyer. Rita has been a member of the B.H.C. since 1975. She will be sincerely missed. Our new appointee is Marcia Crooks, a lifelong resident of South Bellingham. We would like to thank Mr. Fran Donovan of Medway who continues as our historical consultant. Mrs. Helen Dufresne has also been invaluable in her dedication to keeping the museum building clean.

In early spring the B.H.C. was allowed historical salvage rights throughout the South School before it was torn down. Much paper material was recycled by Linda Trudeau and used at the Arts/Cultural Center located at the North School. The North School basement was used to store much of the historical salvage. A complete measurement and photos were taken of this old south school building. The Highway Dept. or DPW as it is now known brought in a portable generator and was extremely helpful in this salvage operation. Without their help and the help of the Park's Dept. this job would never have been completed. Among the items salvaged; old school desk., original blackboards., canvas double shades., old furnace doors., bricks.,



Bellingham Historical Commission

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oak railings., old school records and about twenty original interior old school doors. A special Saturday was put aside and with the help of some members of the DPW and a few local citizens, about 400 school desk were given away to Bellingham residents. Gerard Smith who I attended South School with in 1953-59., worked in helping me with the heavy work. Barbara Vekeman and Morton Ben-Maor helped with the photography.

The original Miss Clara Macy school teacher desk was located at the Stall Brook School and was moved to the museum by the school maintenance personnel. We extend our thanks to the School Dept. On three separate occasions the students of the fifth grade at the Stall Brook School have paid us a visit. Thanks to the classes of Mr. Delaney, Mr. Paul and Mrs. Blanchette.

The B.H.C. was given the honor to represent Bellingham and did a historical perspective for T.V. Channel 6., New Bedford/Providence for their 'Our Town' series.

Finally the 'Boston Post Road' mile marker located near the roadway at St. Brendan's Church parking lot was moved again to a safer location at the school yard at the North School. Our thanks again to the Parks' Dept. for their assistance.

We would like to thank all the town hall employees. They have all been extremely helpful throughout the year. Many have contributed with their efforts to help in making our job easier. Our thanks to the Board of Selectman and the Town Administrator, Denis Fraine for their trust, support and help with our endeavor to protect and preserve our town history.

Ernest A. Taft, Chairman
Elizabeth Andrews, Vice Ch.
Florence McCracken, C.C.
Mary Eunice Nicholson
Muriel L. Henault-Locklin
Katherine M. Smith
Marcia A. Crooks
Fran Donovan, Consultant

Bellingham Historical Commission Museum/Research Center Tel:966-5838



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

Stuart S. LeClaire
Building Commissioner

OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
6 MECHANIC STREET
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019
(508) 966-5821

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bellingham:

The following permits were issued for the year of 1998:

RESIDENTIAL		
PROJECT	FEE	ESTIMATED COST
76 Single Family Dwellings	\$ 87,735.	\$ 11,141,200.
6 Condo Units	9,600.	1,200,000.
67 Additions	6,847.	946,271.
126 Accessories	4,566.	413,592.
18 Alterations	1,109.	128,600.
98 Repair, Remodel, Renovation	5,203.	603,249.
1 Move Building	40.	5,000.
99 Occupancies	1,485.	
55 Foundations	5,500.	
3 Demolitions	145.	15,000.
1 Temporary Trailer	25.	
7 Home Occupancy Licenses	105.	
COMMERCIAL		
PROJECT	FEE	ESTIMATED COST
6 New Buildings	116,532.	\$ 8,730,502.
46 Signs	2,789.	199,799.
20 Tenant Fit-Ups	19,381.	2,415,797.
2 Additions	265.	32,000.
7 Alterations	1,510.	179,400.
5 Accessories	713.	65,800.
7 Repair, Remodel, Renovation	227.	33,600.
1 Permit Renewal	75.	9,500.
3 Demolitions	104.	81,500.
2 Temporary Tents	50.	
36 Trailers	3,600.	
15 Occupancies	375.	
71 Certificate of Safety Inspection	2,840.	

INDUSTRIAL

PROJECT	FEE	ESTIMATED COST
2 New Buildings	\$ 9,156.	\$ 937,000.
2 Foundations	200.	
1 Repair, Replace, Renovation	320.	39,669.
2 Temporary Tents	75.	3,750.
2 Occupancies	50.	
2 Certificate of Safety Inspections	80.	
1 Generator	36.	4,400.

An estimated total of the fees collected for these permits was: \$ 284,658.

This year Building Code Violations, Construction without Permit and Cease and Desist orders were taken care of immediately due to the addition of an Assistant Building Inspector to the permanent staff. This has helped to eliminate most of the Official Notification Letters and Citations which were formerly used for violations.

Monthly census reports were sent to the United States Government Department of Commerce. Reports of permits issued are sent to the Assessors' Office. As of September 1, 1998, all fees are paid directly to the Treasurer's Office.

The Building Department is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Friday 8:00A.M to 1:00 PM and Monday Night 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, for all building, electrical, plumbing and gas permits.

Respectfully submitted,



Stuart S. LeClaire
Building Commissioner

A MESSAGE FROM THE NORFOLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Norfolk County:

Fiscal Year 1998 was a significant year for Norfolk County.

It was determined, for the well-being of the county, to exercise prudent financial management by selling Massachusetts Respiratory Hospital in Braintree. This was a difficult, but necessary decision to make. After experiencing several years of the Hospital encountering financial difficulties, the negative impact that future losses would have had on county finances was inescapable. Yet, it was our hope that a way could be found to continue services provided by the Hospital to the Norfolk County area. After taking all factors into consideration and reviewing the options available, it was decided to sell the Hospital to Olympus Healthcare Group of Westboro. We wish to thank Treasurer Timothy P. Cahill and others who helped to oversee this prodigious transaction.

A new computer system was purchased for the county, that will provide a vast amount of accounting, personnel and purchasing information, when fully implemented. Employees who became initial users of the new system were given an opportunity to receive training on its use and also attended classes for Windows '95 and Microsoft Office Pro.

The county provided regional services during the year in the form of grants to D.O.V.E. (Domestic Violence Ended) and Norfolk County R.&S.V.P. (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program). Outstanding volunteers received a citation for their special contribution to the program. To help combat hunger throughout the region, a total of \$22,000 in local food pantry grants was given. Also, we contracted to start up a Regional Geographic Information System (RGIS). This is a computerized information and mapping system designed to meet the needs of businesses, government agencies and local communities for the purpose of promoting economic growth and providing resources to local communities.

The County Engineering Department expanded its already valuable services through the county's purchase of Global Positioning System (GPS) Survey Equipment, which allows points on the ground to be located in relation to the base map of a Geographical Informational System (GIS). Designated personnel were trained to operate the System. The many services provided to communities throughout the year are detailed in the report of the county engineer.

The Registry of Deeds continued to microfilm old and deteriorating records and provide state-of-art services to the public. Registry revenues showed a marked increase, as a result of an upwards trend in the real estate market.

Phase two of the technology program conducted in Fiscal Year 1998 at the Norfolk County Agricultural High School in Walpole included installation of underground fiberoptic cabling to create a computer backbone connecting all six classroom buildings on campus. All computers are now connected to the Internet and World Wide Web. The school also has its own Web Page.

Wollaston Recreational Facility in North Quincy completed another successful year of providing local golfers with a quality course on which to play at affordable prices, as well as accommodated many enthusiastic players who participated in the annual Norfolk County Classic golf tournament. Improvements to the facility included renovation of two tennis courts and paving of golf cart paths.

The Office of the Sheriff, who already administers several community-oriented and rehabilitative programs, added a new one to its roster. The Braintree Alternative Center opened a female inmate wing in May. Programs for the rehabilitation of female offenders, who are under 24-hour supervision, include a requirement to perform community service. Inmates eligible for the program must pass a strict screening test.

Capital improvements made to county property, included sidewalk repair at Quincy District Courthouse, exterior painting of Wrentham District Courthouse as well as re-paving and re-striping the Agricultural School parking lot.

It is our continuing goal to communicate with and provide county support to our twenty-eight communities. We wish to thank our municipal officials and citizens for giving us the opportunity to do so. Thanks also to the advisory board, its coordinator, county and municipal officials, department heads and employees for their continuing assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

William P. O'Donnell, Chairman
John M. Gillis
Peter H. Collins
NORFOLK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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January 1, 1999

Town of Bellingham

1998 REPORT OF THE NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The operational program of the Project integrates all proven technologies into a system of mosquito control that is rational, environmentally sensitive and cost effective.

All mosquito eggs need water to hatch and to sustain larval growth.

Water Management Projects: Our primary efforts are concentrated on the management of shallow, standing, stagnant water, and the maintenance of existing flow systems which contribute to mosquito breeding sources.

Drainage ditches cleaned	5,650 feet
Brush obstructing drainage cut	1,860 feet
Culverts cleaned	14 culverts
Water Management by wide-track backhoes	965 feet

Larval Control: Treatment of mosquito larvae during aquatic development is the next most effective control effort.

Larval control by backpack\briquets\mistblowers	122 acres
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Adult Control: The suppression of flying adult mosquitoes becomes necessary when they are numerous, annoying, and/or threatening to residents.

Adult control aerosol applications from trucks	4,224 acres
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Surveys, inspections, and pre/post monitoring in support of our program include locating and mapping breeding areas, larval and adult collections, and field work evaluations leading to better water management.

NCMCP received 111 calls from residents for information and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



John J. Smith, Superintendent



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

1998

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and to the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham.

Throughout the past year the Board has strived to establish consistency and objectivity in the administration of personnel matters in an effort to provide service in the best interest of the Town and its employees.

As required during the year, the Board interviewed job applicants and made recommendations to fill vacant town positions. The Board collected information for a new employee handbook. In addition, the Board addressed the concerns and request of department heads and employees.

In the coming year, the Board will work on preparing a welcoming package describing employee benefits. The Board, with the assistance of department heads, would like to update job descriptions.

The Board would like to thank Jacqueline Bokoski and Denis Fraine, and all departments for their cooperation during the year and look forward to working with all departments in the coming year.

The members of the Board continue to reaffirm their commitment to provide service to the Town of Bellingham, and the Board looks forward to making a positive contribution during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia L. Glose, Chairperson
Monice J. Trottier, Vice Chairperson
Robert J. Badzmierowski
Gail J. Dehmer

Monice J. Trottier, Clerk



BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD

P.O. BOX 43
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

December 23, 1998

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Bellingham:

Bellingham has been experiencing a surge in commercial development as well as a significant increase in residential subdivisions over the past few years.

The Planning Board reorganized on May 14, 1998 as follows: William M. Wozniak, Chairman, Richard V. Dill, Vice Chairman and Paul Chupa, Secretary. Anne M. Morse and Edward T. Moore are the remaining members of the Board. Stephen Choiniere is the Planning Board's Associate Member. At the reorganization meeting, the Board also voted to appoint Jill A. Karakeian as the new Planning Board Clerk. The Board would like to thank Valerie DeAngelis for the nine years of hard work and organization she gave. Philip B. Herr of Philip B. Herr and Associates remains as the Board's Planning Consultant.

A total of twenty-two Planning Board meetings were held this past year with twenty public hearings for various matters as follows: one Special Permit public hearing was held and has been continued; five Definitive Subdivision public hearings were held with five approvals; one rezoning public hearing was held. The Board also held three Preliminary Subdivision review meetings, one that was approved. Ten Development Plans were reviewed, five approved, one withdrew, and three continuances. Bond postings, reductions or lot releases were requested on nine Definitive Subdivisions. A total of nineteen simple lot divisions (81-P plans) were reviewed during this past year. Revenues collected for various fees throughout the year total \$5,805.80.

As elected members of the Planning Board, it is our job to insure development complies with out Zoning Bylaws and the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Our utmost concern is to serve in the best interest of the Town of Bellingham. We wish to thank all town officials who provide expertise that assists us in the performance of our duties. We especially wish to express our gratitude to Town Counsel for his legal advice that we rely on when considering complex legal matters. This spirit of cooperation between town departments is necessary in order to adequately consider planning issues that are before the Board.

The Master Plan for the Town is not complete and approved. We would like to take this opportunity to commend all members of the Master Plan Steering Committee for their diligence and hard work they expended to create the Master Plan. The Master Plan is a guideline which will help us to successfully plan for the future of our Town.

There is no doubt that the Bellingham of the future will be somewhat different than it is today. However, we also envision our community to retain many of the qualities we all cherish. We look forward to addressing planning issues during the forthcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD

William M. Wozniak, Chairman
Richard V. Dill, Vice Chairman
Paul Chupa, Secretary
Edward T. Moore
Anne Morse
Stephen Choiniere, Associate Member



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

OFFICE OF
PAUL ST. GEORGE
PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of the Town of Bellingham:

The position of the Plumbing Inspector is to protect the Town public water supply from contamination by eliminating any cross connection. The position of the Gas Inspector is to protect the residents of the Town of Bellingham from any gas related hazards by inspecting the installation for any gas code violations.

I have issued for the year of 1998 the following permits:

284	Plumbing Permits
250	Gas Permits

During the year of 1998 the following investigations were performed:

4	Gas Leak Investigations
8	Plumbing Complaints
12	Plumbing Violations
22	Gas Code Violations

Money collected from fees=\$31,118.00

I personally thank all of the Town Officials, also the Town residents for their assistance in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul St. George
Plumbing & Gas Inspector



Bellingham Police Department

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CHIEF OF POLICE
RICHARD B. BOUCHER

As Chief of Police, I hereby submit the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1998.

I would like to welcome one new full time Officer Scott Provost, who will be graduating from the Norwood Police Academy in March 1999. I believe he will be a valuable asset to the force and the community.

The department has obtained over \$175,000 in Federal Grant Funding. The department will applying for three more federal grants for 3 new police officers. This funding will allow the department to increase its manpower to better serve the community, which has grown considerably in the retail and residential communities. Currently, the department has six total grants from FASTCOPS that provides \$25,000 per year for three years. The officer that have been funded by the FASTCOPS Grant are Officer Edward Guzowski, Officer Douglas Houston, Officer Jon Walden, Officer Chris Ferreira, Officer Joseph Steele and Officer Scott Provost.

The Dare program has been granted \$9,700 worth of grant funding. These funds are used to maintain the program which has been utilized at schools within our community. I would like to thank DARE Officers Lee Rolls, Officer James Martin and Officer Antonio Carneiro for their outstanding work in teaching valuable lessons to the children in our community.

The Community Police Program has been granted \$25,000 worth of grant funding. The funds will be used to maintain current community police programs such as the Bike Patrol, Stepping Forward, Last Chance and Dedham Jail trips, Bike Safety and Business Checks.

The "R.U.O.K." program, which is also maintained through the Community Police grant, is an elderly phone checking system. The department sent out over nine hundred applications to the elderly in our community and because of this program an elderly person's life was saved this year. This program is a very valuable tool in aiding the department in assisting the elderly.

The Bellingham Police Department has utilized the \$11,488 funding, through the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program offered by the Department of Justice, to set up and maintain a web page for the community to access.

The web page address is BELLPDMA@OTW.COM. The E-mail address for the patrolmen is BPDPAT@OTW.COM. The E-mail address for the detectives is BPDDDET@OTW.COM.

This Department along with the Bellingham School Department have been utilizing funds granted to implement and maintain the "Lifting Up" Program. School Resource Officer Ken Lamarre along with members of the school department bring students to a Health Club during school to work out. The program provides the students an alternative to spending time on the streets as well as providing them with a sense of confidence and accomplishment.

The department also set up a one day Hate/Racial Seminar, at the Primavera School, for the police and school department personnel. This seminar provided useful information in dealing with the issues relating to Hate and Race to better assist our community.

A five week program, during the summer, was set up at the Library and attended by Police Officers to explain to the children what we do in our daily duties. I would like to thank Detective Sergeant Kevin Ranieri, Dare Officer James Martin, Officer Mitchell Clinton, K-9 Officer Leonard Gosselin and Officer Jennifer Urquhart for their presentations at this program.

This was our 1st year with operation "Santa Claus", in which Santa is escorted by police officers through the Town during the Christmas Holiday Season to visit with the children in the community. This tradition has been done for the past 15 years.

Alcohol compliance checks for the first time, were executed on the nine business establishments that have liquor licenses within the community. These checks are done to make sure that these businesses are complying with the state laws by not selling alcohol to underage customers. Of the nine businesses checked, three failed.

The department has updated it radios by having them programmed to receive and transmit to all police departments in our area in an effort to increase efficiency among the police departments.

The department has also purchased and utilized, through a grant at no cost to the Town, a mobile radar unit. This unit displays the speed at which a driver's vehicle is traveling at, in an effort to have the driver be within the posted speed limit.

The department has received a federal grant of \$48,315 for the installation and maintenance for Mobile Data Terminals in all police vehicles which is a laptop computer. These Mobile Data Terminals give the police officers a powerful tool to fight crime and allows the officers to do police reports and also query on motor vehicle and warrant checks on subjects right in the police vehicles.

A nationally recognized "Crime Fighters" line has been installed in the department which enables our department to receive information and pay money to people with information on unsolved crimes.

All of our dispatchers have been trained in first aid and CPR. As a result of this training, part time dispatcher Dan Turcotte, was able to save the life of child from choking this year.

The department received a grant for \$1,785 from the Sheriff's Department to purchase supplies. This funding enabled the department to purchase many supplies that were needed throughout the year.

The department has also found a new location for the Police Department Gym which the officers are using and enjoying.

The fireworks display that was held at the Bellingham High School on the Fourth of July, had our police officers assisting over 8,000 people who come to watch and enjoy the event.

This department along with the K-9 unit, in agreement with the school department has done a drug search of the Bellingham High School in an effort to make our school children safer.

The department signed a memorandum of understanding with the School Committee in creating a safer school. With this agreement and \$15,000.00 funding from the School Department we were able to assign Officer Ken Lamarre full time to the schools to assist the principals and staff in creating a safer school. Many thanks to Superintendent Joseph DiPietro and the school committee for allowing us to work together to make a "better and safer" Bellingham.

I would like to thank the entire department for their cooperation and professionalism displayed throughout the year.

I also wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator Denis Fraine for their assistance in aiding the Bellingham Police Department in becoming a more professional department. I would also like to thank Jacqueline Bocoski and Cathy Creasia for their assistance to this department as well. A special thanks to Marilyn Mathieu, Wendy Anderson, and Karen Jasinski for their help with the PAMET Computer System. Thank you as well to Chief Bartlett and the members of the Auxiliary Police Department for their continued assistance and support.

Chief Richard B. Boucher

January 11, 1999



To The Honorable Selectmen:

BELLINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

100 BLACKSTONE STREET
BELLINGHAM, MA 02019

1998 ANNUAL REPORT

1998 continued to increase programming, computer access, and school/library cooperation.

The library began the year with a new Childrens Librarian. Paula Jowanna came to the library from Quincy Public Library bringing with her a background in storytelling, collection development and programming. She has offered a new perspective on story hours adding Lap-Sit story times for birth to 2 year olds, Toddler Times for 2-3 year olds and Pre-School Story Hours for 4-5 year olds. These new story hours have met with great success. School visits were again instituted with Paula visiting individual classes and assemblies.

The library offered a variety of programs for children, young adults and adults. Some of the highlights were performances by Guy Peartree as Frederick Douglas, during February's Black History Month. Storytellers David Bates and Roger Tincknell performed a multi-cultural celebration with "Under on Sky". The Cat-in-the Hat paid a visit to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday in March. Children's Librarian, Paula Jowanna, performed Shamrocks and Shenanigans and Tales from a Celtic Ceili in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Olie the Clown and the Drawbridge Puppet Theater gave performances in April along with Young Adult author Laura Packer.

New programs were begun for young adults focusing mainly on after school groups such as a Poetry Club, Web Page Club, and a Film Club. The library can now be seen monthly on Cable 8 on a program entitled The Living Library produced by children's librarian, Paula Jowanna who was assisted by students from the high school.

The Summer Reading Program theme this year was Mystery. The Children's Librarian developed a mystery play complete with disappearing people and money. Deputized as super sleuths sworn in by the local police, 238 children who registered for the Summer Reading Program helped solve the crime. The special event which was kicked off July 6th used local high school students, staff and residents to act out the parts of the mystery play. Pictures of each of the suspects were placed on the bulletin board in the Children's Room with a background sheet attached. Each week children had to look for certain clues to discover who the culprit was. They had six weeks to solve the mystery. The final program solved the mystery and the local police apprehended the perpetrator. Halloween was a fun and scary time at the library. The staff and local high school students hosted a very scary haunted house, using props to transform the Community Room into a really spooky place!

Reference Librarian Cecily Christensen began offering a variety of computer classes teaching database skills, Internet basics for adults, children, and seniors, and word processing basics. She also continued her monthly Book Discussion group which has grown to seven regular members.

The library continued its long term goal of being fully online by 1999 with the upgrading of its computers to Pentiums over the July 4th holiday. Windows95 was added later in the year along with new monitors. Two additional ports were added to the online network bringing the total to six. The final three ports will be added within the first two months of the new year.

The library applied for and received a \$9,000.00 mini-grant entitled: "Library Literacy for Students". This project is funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with funds from LSTA, a federal source of library funding. The grant provides money to work with the high school in a combined effort to teach seventy-five 7th and 8th grade English students library research skills. Learning is based on school assignments. The project team consisted of The library director, library reference librarian, high school librarian, and three English teachers. Classes are began in January.

Long time Trustee Fran Newton resigned from his post in August. Ed Migneault was appointed to replace Mr. Newton in October.

The Friends had a banner year with fund raising reaching an all time high. The seventh annual Golf Tournament raised \$7300.00. The fifth annual Craft Fair raised \$1950.00, on-going book sales raised between \$1,500.00 and \$1,800.00.

Money raised at the Friends events was used to purchase a variety of major reference sources. Value Line Investment Survey, Hoover Handbook of American Business, Hoover's Handbook of Private Companies, Hoover's Handbook of Emerging Companies, and Hoover's Handbook of World Business. Also purchased were Europa World Book and 17 volumes of Contemporary Musicians.

Additionally the Friends funded the majority of the children's programs. They purchased videos, audio cassettes, and for the first time software CD's enabling the library to begin offering software for loan. Equipment purchased by the Friends included, children's paperback rack, CD/Audio display rack, rolling book and video display unit, color scanner, computer table, coffee table, two easy chairs, and video display rack.

Museum passes purchased by the Friends were; Boston Museum of Science, Children's Museum of Providence, two passes for Roger Williams Zoo, Capron Park Zoo, Boston Aquarium, and Boston Fine Arts Museum. The Boston Children's Museum Pass was donated by Dean Cooperative Bank, the Quilt Museum of Lowell pass was donated by Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild of Mendon.

Ben Franklin made its annual donation of patron card holders and book marks.

The Bellingham Cultural Council awarded the library with a grant of \$275.00 to help pay for Roger Baits and David Tincknell who performed "Under one Sky" a multi-cultural program designed to introduce stories and song of other lands to children and adults.

The Cultural Council also hosted a number of local artists along with a variety of their exhibits including the very popular Quilt Show.

Shafer Nursery continued to donate a portion of the proceeds of the Bellingham Historic Quilt sales to the library Friend's group.

Bellingham Women of Today hosted their annual Halloween party with 30 children enjoying entertainment and refreshments at the library.

Mrs. Santa Claus visited the library telling stories of the North Pole and the reindeers. Gingerbread houses and gingerbread cookies were offered for those wishing a sweet surprise during the holidays.

A special thank you to all those that have volunteered their time to the library over the past year.

FY98 Totals:

Circulation Figures: 90,000

Library Card Holders: 12,816

Inter-Library Loan Requests: 356

Inter-Library Loan Requests from other libraries: 80

Library Holdings: 42,914

Respectfully Submitted by:

Joanne McAneny, Trustee Chair

Maryclare Burke, Trustee Vice Chair

Linda Lord, Acting Secretary

Lea Kraus

Ed Migneault

Laura Einstadter, Library Director

BELLINGHAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ANNUAL REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

Drinking Water Supply System

The Department of Public Works (DPW) operates and maintains: nine ground water supply pumping stations, five lime feed facilities, three water storage stand pipes, one green sand filtration plant, and approximately eighty-two miles of water main.

During the calendar year 1998 we completed the rehabilitation of the South Main Street storage tank. This tank is our oldest. It was constructed in 1939 as part of the WPA program created by President Roosevelt's "New Deal". The tank is welded steel construction and if we keep its paint in good condition it can effectively last forever. The rehabilitation work also installed new safety features such as a second access port, ladder cage and fall prevention system.

The corrosion control system activated last year seems to be working. In February, we completed our first set of sample analysis, to determine if the system is reducing our customer's exposure to lead and copper in the tap water. The results were great. We are below the action level for both lead and copper. We will continue to perform sample analysis to insure that our system meets water quality standards. The second advantage of corrosion control is to reduce leaks. This year we had significantly fewer water service leaks than in past years.

We continue to perform our leak detection program. The program involves sending out our staff with specially designed microphones and amplifiers that allow us to hear the sound a leaking pipe makes underground. This program helps us find leaks and repair them before they get big enough to appear as water bubbling out of the street.

We continue to have a relatively high annual amount of unaccounted water. Leak detection is one part of our efforts to reduce unaccounted for water. This year we continued our large meter testing and replacement program and our small meter upgrade program. We have also made an effort to track other water uses. We are now keeping careful track of the water used for hydrant flushing and fire fighting. The meter programs, leak detection, and tracking non-metered water uses should help us to reduce our unaccounted for water over the next few years.

We continued our efforts to deliver water to every tap in town with the best possible quality. This effort includes three major components.

The first component is water quality testing. We collect bacteria tests at eighteen locations throughout the water system twice a month. We also test for contaminants such as: Volatile Organic Compounds, Inorganic Compounds, Synthetic Organic Compounds, Trihalomethane, Nitrates, Nitrites, and Radioactivity. In addition, we perform annual testing for other harmless items such as iron, manganese, calcium and other minerals known as Secondary Contaminants in the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations. Once again this year the extensive testing of water has indicated that the water we deliver to the tap is safe to drink.

The second component is our Cross-Connection/Backflow Prevention Program. It involves the testing and tracking of water uses that may allow contaminated water to flow back into the water

system. This is typically a concern for business owners that may take water out of our system and use it for some type of industrial process. We are proud to say that we have never had a backflow contamination incident and hopefully our program will insure that we never will.

The third component is water main flushing. Our source water is very good water. It is probably as good as the spring water that can be purchased at the grocery store. The problem all water suppliers have is delivering that water to homes. Underground water pipe systems are difficult to maintain. They are entirely underground and therefore problems are not visible. The best technique available to insure good quality water at the tap is water main flushing. This year we stepped up our water main flushing program. This Fall we flushed the entire system and improved our procedure to be more efficient. We expect to further improve this program in years to come by increasing our flushing to twice per year and using water system computer models to get maximum benefit with minimum water usage.

This is the first year in over twenty years that no water use restriction was required. We got through the summer with out any equipment failures and new Well #12 boosted our pumping capacity to meet all demands encountered.

Two important studies, related to our drinking water supply, were completed this year. They are the Bellingham Master Plan and the first chapters of the Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan. Both indicate that our existing drinking water wells and State approved water withdrawal permits should insure that we have drinking water supply capacities that can meet our projected water consumption demands for the next seventy years.

Although generally adequate, our system does not have the redundancy needed to avoid short-term shortage caused by equipment failures. If a key pump fails during the summer months, a water use restrictions or ban on outside use may be necessary. However, we are in great shape compared to neighboring towns where drinking water well development has not been able to keep up with increases in demand caused by growth. We will continue our efforts to obtain land to protect future well sites and to pursue the development of wells on existing town owned land.

We have some areas in town where water pressure is low. The topography of the town is such that some areas of high ground elevation get very low water pressure. We are making an effort to improve the pressure in the system by keeping the storage tanks closer to full. In the past, concerns about leakage have driven us to keep our tank only seventy five percent filled. It appears that our corrosion control system has resolved the leakage problem and we are now able to use more of the storage tanks. This fall we adjusted our operation system to raise the average tank level ten feet. This should boost customer's water pressure by about four pounds per square inch. We will slowly continue this process. By the year 2000 we hope to boost pressure throughout town by ten pounds per square inch.

The DPW office continued to work with the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel, to draft an agreement with American National Power (ANP) that is beneficial to the Town and would drive them to decrease their proposed water consumption. We have been very successful in both avenues. The now signed ANP agreement will fund water supply system improvements that could boost our pumping capacity by as much as one million gallons per day. In addition, ANP's daily water usage has been reduced to an average of one hundred and fifty thousand gallons per day and their sewer discharge rate to only ten thousand gallons per day. Our goal was to

have ANP fund water system improvements that would increase our capacity by twice the amount they plan to use. It appears now that the agreement could improve our pumping capacity to a level that is six times above ANP's projected usage.

Waste Water System

The DPW maintains five sewer-pumping stations, about sixteen miles of sewer pipe, three metering stations. Phase one and two sewer programs and private developments have made public sewer available to about one thousand four hundred and twenty properties. During 1998, seventy-two properties connected to the town sewer system. At the end of the year, about seventy-six percent of the properties that have public sewers available have connected.

The planning process for the third phase of sewer expansion got underway this year. The State and Federal regulatory agencies have concerns that sewer construction may dry out the already stressed Upper Charles River Basin. Therefore, our planning process for this phase of sewer expansion must be significantly more detailed than the effort needed for the first two phases. By the end of the year, the regulatory agencies had approve our plan to prepare a Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan (CWRMP) and the first steps in the CWRMP were completed.

One step was the appointment of a Phase Three Wastewater Planning Citizens Advisory Committee. The Selectmen appointed fourteen town residents and the DPW Director to this committee. Three meetings where held in 1998. The committee will act as the resident's voice in the sewer planning process. During the planning process the town's sewer engineering consultants, SEA Consultants, Inc. of Cambridge, will present information and suggestions to this committee and a separate committee of regulators. These two committees will be part of the planning process from the very beginning, resolving issues as they arise, in an effort to keep the planning process moving steadily forward and avoid major stumbling blocks.

Another step in the CWRMP is a review of the town's existing water resource related status. Chapters one and two covering general items and water supply status were completed this year.

Another step that is well on its way to completion is an extensive needs analysis. This analysis should determine what existing un-sewered neighborhoods cannot exist long term with on site septic disposal system. In this effort a numeric needs ranking system was derived and data is being compiled. Most of the data collection items were completed this year. They include; mailing, receipt, and compilation of results from resident's questionnaire, analysis of Board of Health records, soil borings, and test pit excavation, to name a few.

During 1999, we hope to complete the process and have an article on the October town meeting, requesting funding for this phase wastewater system construction. Hopefully, this phase of construction will also eliminate our problems related to sewer capacity at the Charles River Pollution Control District treatment plant in Medway.

Highway

The Bellingham roadway system includes about eighty-seven miles of public travel ways. Of those seventy six miles are town accepted street, and eleven miles are not accepted roads. The DPW

uses a computerized road management program to schedule repairs to accepted streets. The DPW performs snow and ice control, sweeping, and catch basin cleaning on all public travel ways that are not specifically private.

Very little actual road construction took place this year for two reasons. The first is the unresolved question, "What streets will most likely get dug up for the phase three sewer projects?" Once this question is answered, we will be able to plan paving projects on streets that will not be dug up in the next few years. The second is the need for drainage improvements to eliminate puddles that shorten pavement life. Recent changes in the regulations that relate to drainage improvements now require filings with local Conservation Commissions. These new regulations make a lot of sense, but the filing process takes a considerable amount of time and engineering. This level of planning work and permitting was not necessary in previous years.

We have hired three specialized engineering consultants to assist us in getting projects designed and through funding and permitting processes.

Guerriere & Halnon Engineers Inc. are working on designing improvements for about thirty different drainage areas. They are doing the land survey work, plan design and filing the necessary plans and documents with the Conservation Commission. They will also be assisting us with professional land surveyor services needed to prepare land takings that may be needed for drainage system improvements.

We have hired Bruce Campbell & Associates (BC&A) as our traffic and roadway consultant. They have completed the preliminary design for a project to improve Pulaski Boulevard from the Franklin town line to and including the South Main Street, Wrentham Road, and Paine Street intersections. This project received preliminary approval from the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD). If the one hundred percent design engineering work is funded at the annual Town meeting in 1999, the MHD will probably construct this five million-dollar improvement project in 2003 or 2004. BC&A will soon start work on the preliminary plan preparation for the Route 140 and Route 126 intersection improvements. Next summer they will be doing some design work on Lake Street between the Prospect Street in Franklin and Cross Street. The Selectmen have identified the Hartford Avenue from the Stallbrook School to the Medway line as the next most important major roadway project. BC&A will start the preliminary planning on this section of road shortly after the 140 & 126 preliminary plan is completed.

We have selected STV Incorporated to be our bridge and culvert consultants. They will be starting work on the design and permitting for the reconstruction of the High Street Bridge. The year ended with us working to resolve the details of a contract for their services. The bridge was closed in the summer, immediately after an inspection by the MHD Bridge team who determined that it was unsafe.

Design work continues on the reconstruction of the Maple Street from Route 140 to the Route 495 bridge. This project has received a one million-dollar grant from MHD that is available for public work projects that supports economic development. ASEC Corporation presented the seventy-five percent design plan at a November public meeting. Revisions are being made based on the public and abutters input received at that meeting. Additional funding needed to construct the

project will be requested at the annual Town meeting in 1999. We hope to have this project underway by mid summer of 1999.

The State will advertise the bid, oversee the construction, and pay all construction costs for the intersection improvement project for Route 140 at Maple and South Maple Streets in 1999. The project was supposed to be advertised for bid in December 1998, but has been delayed. It appears that the delays will be minimal and construction should take place during the summer and fall of 1999.

One improvement that was completed was the signalization of the Maple Street and Hartford Avenue intersection. This work was done in conjunction with the Charles River Center commercial complex. The developer of the Center picked up ninety-eight percent of the expenses for this work.

The DPW and ASEC Corporation are designing roadway, drainage, sewer, and water system improvements for the section of Maple Street between Ray Avenue and Hartford Avenue. We hoped that this project would be constructed during 1998. However, while digging test pits to locate utilities, a large stone and concrete culvert was found. It is located just under the pavement and used to run between the Charles River dam and the old mill building. The culvert is directly in the way of the proposed drainage work. Therefore, we are now planning to use it as a silt-settling basin. This will cost less than removing the structure. The reconstruction project may be further delayed depending on the scheduling of the work on the south end of Maple Street. For obvious traffic flow reasons, both projects cannot go on at the same time.

The MHD has hired Vollmers Associates as the engineers for the intersection improvements to the Blackstone Street intersections at both the South Main and the Mechanic Street end. We do not have any schedule from MHD for this project, but it appears that the design work will be completed by the middle of 1999.

New traffic markings were painted on several streets and an annual program of traffic marking renewal and improvement started last year is being further refined.

We are making efforts to improve our inventory and facilities management. We are in the process of mapping and collecting data on items such as the storm water collection systems, sidewalks, crosswalks, street signs, and traffic control signs. These inventories will allow us to orchestrate improved systematic preventative maintenance and upgrade programs. Whenever possible, this data is being integrated into our Geographic Information System (GIS). Today's low cost and very powerful computers makes the linking of mapped items to facilities management data bases very easy. GIS is an ideal application for public works departments, as almost all of all facilities have geographic locations that can be drawn on a town map.

Again this year, the DPW hired a large staff of local high school and college aged students as summer help. Their primary task was to perform highway beautification. Their work included cutting brush, removing weeds, ball field maintenance, park department projects, painting facilities and applying weed killer in sidewalk areas. This program appears to work well and will be continued as long as funding allows.

We were lucky to have a very mild and dry winter. The snow removal vendors we use during big storms were called only once. We made the effort to try a new snow and ice control product

known as Ice Ban Magic. It is a mixture of Magnesium Chloride and the liquor distilling byproduct known as whey. It should improve melting during times of very cold temperatures when salt becomes ineffective. The mild winter did not provide a good test of the product's capabilities, but it seems to have potential, and we will try it again next year. The use of the product is fairly new to New England. Although several other eastern Massachusetts towns tried it this year, we were the town visited by every major TV station in Boston and Providence. A national new service picked up the story and we were featured on national television newscasts. We have always taken pride in our snow removal and ice control efforts, and now we are nationally known.

Projections presented in the Master Plan confirm the obvious. Traffic and roadway congestion problems are now and will forever be our biggest problem. Traffic problems will increase no matter how well planned our growth or road system may be. Development in town and in surrounding towns along with the endless urban sprawl will mean a constant increase in the number of vehicles that use our roadways. Hopefully, with good planning and our team of specialized consultants, will help alleviate some of the headaches that appear unavoidable.

Equipment

The DPW improved its fleet. We purchased a new road sweeper, small soil and asphalt roller, trench shoring pull box and air compressor. We also improved our snowplowing fleet by purchasing new and more versatile snowplows for many of our existing vehicles.

Conclusion

It has been a good year for the DPW. Long-range planning efforts have indicated that our water supply system is in great shape. Sewer expansion appears to be in our future, improving the quality of life for town residents. Many major highway projects appear to be moving forward.

All employees of the DPW look forward to serving the residents of the Town of Bellingham in 1999 and beyond.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Donald F. DiMartino

DPW Director

BELLINGHAM DPW STATISTICS 1998

TOTAL WATER PUMPED INTO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

MONTH	GALLONS
JANUARY	36,413,600
FEBRUARY	36,598,400
MARCH	39,516,000
APRIL	40,130,000
MAY	47,475,000
JUNE	44,416,000
JULY	51,956,000
AUGUST	47,230,000
SEPTEMBER	43,930,000
OCTOBER	41,729,000
NOVEMBER	38,813,000
DECEMBER	39,188,000
TOTAL	507,395,000

WELL PUMPING BREAKDOWN

PUMP STATION	GALLONS
STATION 1	85,501,000
STATION 2	10,032,000
STATION 3	16,455,000
STATION 4	150,792,000
STATION 5	67,751,000
STATION 11	59,355,000
STATION 12	66,297,000
FILTRATION PLANT	51,212,000
TOTAL	507,395,000

DAILY AVERAGE PUMPED	1,390,123 Gallons
MAXIMUM DAY PUMPED	2,289,000 Gallons

GALLONS METERED	370,085,080
GALLONS UN-METERED TRACKED:	5,476,280
FLUSHING HYDRANTS	4,561,980
FIRES	100,000
MAJOR WATER BREAKS	814,300
UNACCOUNTED FOR WATER	131,833,640
PERCENTAGE	26%

BELLINGHAM DPW STATISTICS 1998

WATER

THE WATER METERS ARE BEING READ SEMI-ANNUALLY. THE TOWN IS DIVIDED INTO SIX SECTIONS WITH READINGS IN EACH SECTION APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS APPART.

METERED:

DOMESTIC	4,755
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL	299

UN-METERED:

SUMMER TAKERS	7
DOMESTIC	2
TOTAL	5,063

METERS RE-READ BY OWNER:

(TRANSFERS OR PROPERTY CHANGES)	294
SECONDARY METERS	2

NEW SERVICES:

INSTALLED BY DPW	35
INSTALLED BY OTHERS	77

HYDRANT MAINTENACE:

PAINTED	238
REPAIRED	9
REPLACED	4
INSPECTED	285
FLUSHED	255
WINTERIZED	25
TOTAL IN SYSTEM	835

SEWER

CONNECTIONS:

TOTAL AVAILABLE	1,430
CONNECTED BEFORE 1/1/98	1,012
CONNECTED DURING 1998	72
TOTAL CONNECTED	1,084

SEWER FLOWS

TO CRPCD	85,836,000	Gallons
TO WWTP	19,782,800	Gallons

DPW SERVICE CALLS:

METERS REPLACED DEFECTIVE	61
METERS REPLACED FORZEN	1
METERS RECYCLED	86
BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES TESTED	161
HIGHWAY SERVICE CALLS	387
WATER SERVICE CALLS	939
EMERGENCY CALLS	5
FACILITIES CALLS	3
WATER MAIN BREAKS REPAIRED	6
WATER SERVICE BREAKS REPAIRED	20

Annual Report of the Town Common Trustees

The residents of Bellingham at the Special Town Meeting established the Town Common Trustees in October 1997. Since the request required an amendment to the Town Charter, the request was needed to be voted on by the House of Representatives in Boston. In January 1998, the amendment was voted on and the Town Common Trustees were able to be appointed and established by the Board of Selectmen.

A five member Trustee Committee was needed with staggered terms ranging from one – three years. The members appointed by the Board of Selectmen in February 1998 were as follows:

G. Steven Schreffler, 3 Years
Theodore C. Bailey, 3 Years
Joanne Arcand, 2 Years
William J. Bussey, 2 Years
Keven Milan, 1 Year

The mission given to the newly appointed Trustees were to govern over the Bellingham Town Common, set policies and establish guidelines for the utilization of the Town Common. The delegation of responsibilities for each Trustee were established as follows:

G. Steven Schreffler, Chairman
Theodore C. Bailey, Vice Chairman
Joanne Arcand, Secretary
William J. Bussey, Function Coordinator
Keven Milan, Treasurer

A budget was established by the Bellingham Finance Committee with a revolving maintenance fund, funded by the lease of the BankBoston ATM facility located on the Town Common. Those funds are allocated for the regular maintenance as well as the enhancement of the grounds at the Town Common. The Trustees have also set up a 'Buy a Brick' campaign to raise funds for ongoing projects and events. These bricks are engraved and installed around the perimeter of the gazebo.

The policies and guidelines were established within 2 months, and many requests for the Town Common began to arrive. A permitting process was established for the use of the Town Common for any functions such as weddings, concerts, etc. Area photographers were also notified regarding the permitting process. Those photographers may use the gazebo at any time for photo's except when the Town Common is being used for another event. To date we estimated that over 30 wedding photos were taken at the Town Common.

Any person or Organization in Bellingham may utilize the Town Common at no cost. The security deposit specified on the permit is refundable if the Town Common is left clean after the event. Any persons or Organizations not located in Bellingham are required to pay for the use of the Town Common along with the security deposit. Anyone requesting the use of the Town Common would need to take out an application for permit located in the Board of Selectmen's Office. The Trustees will act upon this request at the next scheduled meeting.

Within the year of 1998, the Town Common Trustees have issued permits for the following:

Weddings – 9
Concerts – 6
Special Functions – 3

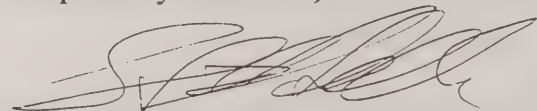
In addition to the above permits, The Arts Council held 4th of July festivities, both Girl Scouts & Cub Scout held award ceremonies and planted flowers at the Town Common. The Cable 8 Studios of Bellingham sponsored concerts on the Common for the enjoyment of all the residents.

The Town Common Trustees were proud to be a part of the Memorial Day Parade coordination, which entailed the reversal of the parade that ended at the Town Common instead of the High School. The Town Common Trustees also established a Holiday Sub-Committee with the assistance of Mrs. Ann Odabashian and Mr. James Haughey, to begin holiday celebrations at the Town Common. The first event planned was the Tree Lighting Ceremony, which was planned for December 5th, 1998. Lights were ordered and installed around the entire Town Common with the assistance by many members of the Bellingham Fire Dept. and Mr. Bill Pavia from A.B.P. Sign Co. The event was well received with an estimated attendance of over 1,000 residents and a special visit by Santa (Mr. Jim Kennedy).

The Town Common Trustees have sent out requests for proposals for a new building to be built to replace the current BankBoston ATM building currently located on the grounds. This building will consist of ladies and men's restrooms, storage room, and a new ATM area. Estimated project completion date of late 1999 –spring 2000.

On behalf of all the Trustees, it has been our pleasure to work with the Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Bellingham to insure this beautiful landmark will remain for many generations to enjoy.

Respectfully Submitted,



G. Steven Schreffler, Chairman
Town Common Trustees

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January 13, 1999

Bellingham Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Annex
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

RE: Town Counsel
Annual Report

Dear Board Members:

The following is the Annual Report of Town Counsel:

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Town Counsel, I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1998, as required by Chapter 10, Article 10.03 of the Town By-Laws:

CASES SETTLED

1. Town of Bellingham vs. Chaulk Services, Inc., Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 95-1266A.
2. Franklin H. Riedy vs. Bellingham Police Department, United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, Docket No. 94-12065EFH.
3. Joanne Bonner, et al vs. Town of Bellingham, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 94-01319.
4. Anthony M. Ozella, Jr., et al vs. The Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 235145-96-PRO.
5. FBS Associates vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 235168-96-PRO.
6. FBS Associates vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 235169-96-PRO.
7. 914 South Main Street, Schoech, Wayne vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 242702-97-PRO.

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8. F.T. Acquisition vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 244543-97-PRO.
9. 1044-1048 South Main Street vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. 235145-96-PRO.
10. Cumberland Farms vs. James McElroy, et al, Bellingham Board of Selectmen, Land Court, Docket No. 235350 Misc.
11. Raymond and Cecile Carrier vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X285131-98-PRO.
12. Leo and Kathleen Dufresne vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X284955-98-PRO.
13. Arthur and Jodie White vs the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X285015-98-PRO.
14. Paul Beard and Anne Marcoux, the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X285011-98-PRO.
15. James and Windy Willits vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. F246310.
16. Desmarais Family Trust vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X285544-98-PRO.
17. Patricia Marando vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X285922-98-PRO.
18. Andrew Swift vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X286423-98-PRO.
19. Nancy Rossini vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X286456-98-PRO.

CASES PENDING

1. John D. DeMoninici vs. James F. Brennan, et al, Zoning Board of Appeals, Milford District Court, Docket No. 7988.

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2. Kenneth and Ann Thompson vs. Town of Bellingham, Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 90-1682A.
3. Bellingham Associates vs. Water Sewer Commission, Worcester Superior Court, Docket No. 93-1665.
4. F.W. Madigan, Inc. Vs. Town of Bellingham, Norfolk Superior Court.
5. Mark Horan vs Town of Bellingham, et al, Land Court, Petition to Vacate a Final Decree and a Tax Lien Case.
6. Brandy Guertin vs. Town of Bellingham, Milford District Court, Docket No. CA966CV443.
7. Richard C. Hill vs. the Town of Bellingham, Norfolk County Superior Court, Docket No. 97-00861.
8. David Antobenedetto and Joanne Antobenedetto, Individually, and as next friend of Nicholas Antobenedetto, a minor child, vs. the Town of Bellingham, Norfolk Superior Court, Docket No. 98-1507.
9. Janco Realty Trust vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board. Docket No. X285105-98-PRO.
10. Richard and Jean Theroux vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X284969-98-PRO.
11. Doris Conrady vs the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X285344-98-PRO.
12. North Main Street Realty Trust vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X285332-98-PRO.
13. Lau and Pauline Herthel vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X285625-98-PRO.
14. Mark and Marsha MacNamara vs. Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X286015-98-PRO.
15. Andrew Sarno vs. Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X286128-98-PRO.

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16. Sam Winniker vs. Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X286421-98-PRO.
17. Sam Winniker vs. Bellingham Board Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X286422-98-PRO.
18. Lantor, Inc. vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X286514-98-PRO.
19. Lantor, Inc. vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X286515-98-PRO.
20. Lantor, Inc. vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X286516-98-PRO.
21. Francis Hoothay vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X287089-98-PRO.
22. John Harcovitz Trust vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X287140-98-PRO.
23. John Harcovitz Trust vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X287141-98-PRO.
24. John Harcovitz Trust vs. the Bellingham Board of Assessors, Appellate Tax Board, Docket No. X287142-98-PRO.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee G. Ambler,
Town Counsel

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VETERANS' SERVICES

The Veterans' Services program continues to provide prompt service to the Town's veteran population and their dependents. Over the past year, services were provided as follows:

Number of Veterans Receiving Benefits: 5

Number of Veterans and Dependents Serviced or Provided Counseling: 55

Veterans seeking assistance are encouraged to contact the Veterans' Services Office for information on program offerings. We are proud to service the veteran community and stand ready to answer their call.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony D. Mazzola
Veterans' Agent

Denis C. Fraine
Administrative Assistant
to Veteran's Agent



ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

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Electrical Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bellingham:

PERMITS ISSUED IN 1998

January	56	\$8820.50
February	33	1245.00
March	30	1128.00
April	47	4275.00
May	44	8160.00
June	56	4715.00
July	45	4675.00
August	42	1730.00
September	51	3804.97
October	47	3242.00
November	53	3069.56
December	37	1430.00
TOTAL	541	\$ 46295.03

I wish to thank all Town Officials for the assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Florent R. Levesque
Electrical Inspector



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AGENT

4 Mechanic Street
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
02019

FISCAL YEAR 1997 – 1998

In the past year, there have been approximately twenty-one (21) reported accidents in which five (5) resulted in lost time from work. The total claims paid for medical compensation was \$12,929.86 and total claims paid for medical services was \$67,304.68.

These figures represent a decrease in compensation paid as lost time was brief in most cases. A slight increase in medical claims paid resulted from several cases needing further medical treatments and/or surgery.

The Town of Bellingham strives to keep these costs down by anticipating potentially unsafe conditions and taking corrective action with Department Heads. Through Health Resources, the occupational health nurse continues to monitor all reported injuries on a weekly basis and also provides valuable information for all town employees.

Respectfully submitted;

Nancy A. Bailey
Worker's Compensation Agent

1998 Report

***Blackstone
Valley
Vocational
Regional
School
District***

Submitted by:
Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick,
Superintendent-Director

**Educating
For a Global
Advantage**



The year
1997-
in review
1998

From the Superintendent-Director:

With a history of innovation, invention and economic success, the Blackstone Valley is ideally situated for expanded local, regional and international business efforts. Future possibilities are limited only by the ability of its workforce to respond quickly and efficiently to rapidly changing employer demands. During the 1997-98 school year, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School demonstrated that, by drawing upon the expertise of strategic business partners, it is uniquely suited to respond to those demands. It was a year in which Valley Tech solidified its presence as a catalyst for economic prosperity in the region.

In session for a full 193 teaching days in FY98, Valley Tech had an unprecedented opportunity to respond to the teaching and learning needs of area youth and to answer the call from business and industry for highly-skilled, technically-oriented workers. The year saw the system take preparation for the future workplace to new dimensions, combining specialized vocational-technical training, fundamental academic learning and an enhanced array of extracurricular activities within an integrated interdisciplinary approach.

During the past year, Valley Tech sustained and expanded its mission to prepare students to meet the challenges of an increasingly competitive world with a potent combination of stimulating new ideas and solid grounding in tried and true methods. The system continued to forge ever stronger partnerships with community, business and industry leaders and built upon its most valuable resource - a talented, enthusiastic and innovative staff - to create a constantly evolving classroom and ensure relevance of what is taught in classrooms and vocational technical laboratories to that expected in the workplace, the military or the post-secondary school setting.

The endeavors described in this report are representative of Valley Tech's pro-active response over the past year to goals and standards set by both state and national educational agencies. These activities reflect the fact that the business world the vocational technical delivery system serves has forever changed and that expectations and accountability are increasing in all facets of our society. Today we must educate not only for success in the local workplace, but for a global advantage as well.

The Valley Tech team accepts with enthusiasm the challenge presented at local, state and national levels to continuously improve student learning. The team looks forward to achieving unprecedented student skill levels as it provides young people from throughout the Blackstone Valley with the academic and occupational competencies essential for success in a global economy.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

"Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School's leaders and faculty have taken steps to create a culture of higher expectations for students ... The team was impressed with the enthusiasm of the staff, the direction the school is taking and the desire by all to make Valley Tech one of the top regional high schools in the state."

- Gene Bottoms

former Executive Director

American Vocational Association, Alexandria, Virginia

Answering the call from business and industry: Specialized vocational-technical training

A student who enrolls in one of Valley Tech's sixteen award-winning vocational technical programs commences a four-year odyssey of applied, interactive learning. The system's mission is to ensure that students are provided with the tools, processes, training and challenges to succeed within their chosen career paths. In 1997, taxpayers approved a \$750,000 bond for new equipment to afford students access to the very latest technology they will encounter in the workplace. During 1998, needs were prioritized in concert with the General Advisory Committee and new equipment was put in service in each of the vocational technical shops.

The **Automotive Technology** program was upgraded with a full function engine analyzer, other related equipment, and a software program that will update information on all automotive systems for the next five years. **Building & Property Maintenance**, which has been involved in numerous community service projects, received a 15" planer. The **Carpentry** program responded to area employment needs by adding a new home building component. A storage building was constructed at the rear of the campus to house this new program and tools and equipment were purchased for it. Computer equipment for CAD design and estimating was also purchased to complement carpentry shop projects.

Significant modernization of the **Collision Repair** program included the installation of two full-size insulated painting booths, a double vehicle prep station, a paint mixing room and related equipment. The **Culinary Arts** program was outfitted with a point-of-sale computer system, a new freezer, refrigerator and other equipment. The **Drafting** department received industry standard computers along with printing and copying equipment. Small tools, equipment and a cabling training system were purchased for the **Electrical** program.

The system's nationally-recognized **Electronics** program was updated with PC Knowledge troubleshooting systems, oscilloscopes, function generators, a spectrum analyzer and other equipment. Major capital purchases in the **Graphic Arts** department included a Heidelberg offset press, a Stahl folder, computers, printers and monitors with related software programs. **Health Services** was furnished hospital beds and other equipment.

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration purchased a refrigeration simulator, refrigerant leak detection system, recovery tanks, furnaces and related equipment. The industrial manufacturing and welding program was renamed **Manufacturing Technologies** and provided a new vertical band saw, a surface grinder, an Idealarc polarity switch, digital readouts and a computer system for its C & C plasma cutter. **Office Technology**, which received state-of-the art computers from the operating budget, was furnished with new computer stations. **Painting & Decorating** received a respiratory protection system. Drain cleaning equipment, threading machines, a gas boiler and Ridgit equipment were added to the **Plumbing** program.

The construction of a greenhouse on school grounds to house the **MRS Horticulture** program was funded with tuition generated by this collaborative program for students with moderate to severe special needs.

Improving student learning: Fundamental academics with uncommon resourcefulness

Continuing to refine innovative teaching methods and strategies that were introduced over the past few years, the Valley Tech team of dedicated teaching professionals is involved in an all-out effort to improve student learning.

Raising system expectations:

- ◆ Basic skills were improved measurably with a system-wide focus on reading and writing across the curriculum.
- ◆ A syllabus requirement was established for all courses, which have been reviewed to ensure compliance with state curriculum frameworks.
- ◆ A formative evaluation tool for teachers was developed and accepted by all staff.
- ◆ A redefined student code of conduct improved student accountability for attendance and discipline.

Encouraging students to take the right courses:

- ◆ Student and class profiles were developed and used to create individual educational packages and to better determine actual student needs.
- ◆ A course catalog was developed and published.
- ◆ A career interest survey was conducted with all freshmen.
- ◆ The course selection process was improved with greater involvement of teachers and guidance counselors.

Changing classroom/laboratory practices:

- ◆ Professional development was made available to all staff in a cohesive team approach.
- ◆ Integration of academic and vocational technical skills was expanded, along with participation in learning projects with elementary and middle schools.
- ◆ Clustering of academic classes continued to support integration efforts.

Involving parents, employers and the community:

- ◆ New partnerships were forged with area businesses, including reciprocal training agreements with Eastern Acoustic Works, EMC and Boston Digital.
- ◆ Unibank and Junior Achievement became partners in the classroom in an effort to more effectively link education with careers.
- ◆ The hugely successful fourth annual Superintendent's Dinner expanded involvement of students in planning and execution.
- ◆ A special education parent group (PAC) became a viable advocate for student interests.
- ◆ A reactivated Alumni Association began planning new activities to support the school.

Improving student assessment:

- ◆ A system-wide focus on MCAS testing was designed to maximize student results.
- ◆ Use of student portfolios was expanded.
- ◆ Academic, career and learning style assessments were completed for all new students and included in their portfolios.

Preparing for new challenges:

An expanded array of extracurricular activities

In 1998 an enhanced selection of extracurricular activities allowed students to expand on their particular interests and to develop their physical and emotional well-being. Increasing numbers of students chose to participate in these activities which increase social experiences and develop leadership abilities.

Toastmasters International, a new **school band** and a **Business Professionals of America** chapter were added to the variety of clubs and organizations which includes Class Officers, Future Business Leaders, the National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Safety Committee, Student Advisory Council, Student Council, Students for Environmental Awareness (SEA), US FIRST Robotics Team, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), and the Yearbook Committee.

Great strides were made in 1998 to expand athletic opportunities and ensure gender equity for students. New this year were **junior varsity girls' basketball**, **junior varsity softball**, and **golf**, bringing the total number of sports teams to 21 and allowing students to participate in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, track and field and volleyball. Highlights of the year included the **State Vocational Track and Field championship** won by the girls' track and field team and **Colonial Athletic League championships** won by the boys' cross country team, the girls' soccer team, and the girls' track and field team. Championship banners have been hung in the gymnasium, which was completely repainted and refurbished during the year.

A vision for the future:

Taking preparation for the workplace to new dimensions

In 1998, forward-thinking finance committees and voters from across the district unanimously supported funding a **school expansion feasibility study**. The request for the study resulted from a 21.4% increase in student enrollment during the past four years which has the school operating at full capacity and a large increase in applicants for Valley Tech's grade 9 class. Over 400 students applied for only 220 available spaces in the Class of 2002.

The growing economic development of the Blackstone Valley and the need to address new and emerging occupations and technologies were factors leading to the proposal to consider adding biotechnology, computer technologies, cosmetology, telecommunications or other opportunities to the school's curriculum. A summative report on this study is expected to be completed in the summer of 1999.

Funding

The FY98 total operating budget for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District was \$8,242,040. The Net School Spending requirement of the district was \$6,996,123. This sum was funded through Chapter 70 Aid of \$4,684,917 and Minimum Contribution requirements from the thirteen (13) member towns totaling \$2,311,206.

In the operation portion of the budget - but outside DOE net school spending areas - the district had a budget of \$503,490 for transportation, \$100,000 for acquisition of fixed assets, and an obligation of \$135,000 for retiree medical coverage.

In addition to their state-required Minimum Contributions, the member towns supported the school's operating budget with shared assessments for operations, student transportation, asset acquisition, and retiree medical. Funds received from the state for regional student transportation amounted to \$270,962.

The district's debt obligation for FY98 was \$159,119. This was funded by an assessment which was allotted among the member towns in accordance with the District Agreement.

Grants

Valley Tech again supplemented its budget by aggressive pursuit of local, state and federal grant funds. \$638,846 in grant funds allowed for quality initiatives at no cost to the district, as follows:

■ School to Work	\$ 156,275.00
■ Massachusetts Electric Energy Education	400.00
■ Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Senior Services	2,500.00
■ Goals 2000 Curriculum Study Groups	10,000.00
■ PALMS Phase II	1,985.00
■ Bell Atlantic Excellence in Education Award	10,000.00
■ SPED 94-142	89,100.00
■ Title I Distribution	28,779.00
■ SPED Access to the Curriculum	3,725.00
■ Health Protection	18,571.00
■ Perkins Occupational Education - Vocational Skills	144,851.00
■ Perkins - High Schools That Work	20,000.00
■ Eisenhower Teacher Training	2,366.00
■ Title VI	1,826.00
■ Technology Literacy Challenge I	10,000.00
■ Technology Bond Matching Grant	24,000.00
■ Safe and Drug Free Schools	3,865.00
■ Essential Skills: Remedial Education	20,000.00
■ Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Techmates	250.00
■ CESAME	8,353.00
■ Foundation Reserve	42,000.00
■ Bell Atlantic EdLink - Alliance for Education (Fiscal Agent Award)	40,000.00

Staff - Our most valuable resource

Valley Tech's unique learning environment is a direct result of the diverse talents of an exceptionally motivated and enthusiastic staff. Fostering an innovative organizational climate are the following staff members:

1 Superintendent-Director, 1 Assistant Superintendent-Director, 7 Administrators, 40 Vocational Instructors, 29 Academic Teachers, 7 Special Education Teachers, 2 Technology Specialists, 11 Paraprofessional/Instructional Aides, 2 Adjustment Counselors, 4 Guidance Counselors, 1 School Psychologist, 1 Computer Technology Analyst, 1 Library/Media Specialist, 1 Business Specialist, 2 School Nurses, 6 Custodial/Maintenance Personnel, 2 School-year Custodial Assistants, 10 Food Service Personnel, 6 Full-time Secretaries, 3 School-year Clerks, 1 Payroll Officer, 1 Human Resource Specialist and 1 Bookkeeper.

Governance

The Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District is governed by a 13-member board, with one member representing each community in the district. Each member, elected district-wide, serves a four-year term. During the 1998 commencement ceremony, school committee members Matthew Krajewski and Edward Postma were honored for a combined total of 68 years of service to the district. Both have diligently served the vocational technical needs of the young people of the Blackstone Valley since the planning stages of the district in the early 1960's.

An elected School Council meets periodically throughout the year to discuss issues concerning school operations. Council members were: parents Ann Bryson and Frances Dorr, teachers Joseph Yacino and Susan Hoar, administrator William Mahoney, students Frank Dorr and Matt Hoar, and community member John Gauvin.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay P. Hanratty, Chairman, Millbury
E. Kevin Harvey, Vice-Chairman, Bellingham
Diane M. Paradis, Secretary, Grafton
Matthew C. Krajewski, Blackstone
Charles E. Randor, Douglas
Everett A. Young, Hopedale
John J. Knox, Mendon
Arthur E. Morin, Jr., Milford
Gerald M. Finn, Millville
Edward B. Postma, Northbridge
Mitchell A. Intinarelli, Sutton
Robert H. Snow, Upton
James Ebbeling, Uxbridge
Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director

THE ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1998
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
AND
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
TOWN OF BELLINGHAM
BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee conducted its reorganization meeting on May 11, 1998, and Robert W. Lamont was chosen to serve a second term as Chairman. The Committee elected Donald R. Burlingame as Vice-Chairman, and appointed Stephen R. Patrick as Treasurer. Mrs. Nancy A. Maynard was appointed School Committee Clerk. The recent town election brought one new member to the School Committee, Edward F. Featherston, and a former School Committee member, Paulette R. Zazza.

Always a top priority of the School Committee for every year is to maintain quality educational programming as it faces the many changes that Massachusetts Educational Reform Law requires of all communities in the Commonwealth. The greatest challenge the School Committee faces and the most difficult task is to obtain the financial resources necessary to meet the needs of all our students. State and Federal programs mandates, the need for more space, personnel, programs, and materials demand a wise use of all possible resources available to our school system. We always strive to obtain the funds through many other sources, in addition to taxation.

The New England Association of secondary schools and colleges has completed the evaluation of our high school. The results of this process will be forwarded to us in the near future.

Our new \$35,000,000.00 High School Middle School project has been delayed due to the power plant issue, but will soon be moving forward as the technicalities are resolved.

Respectfully Submitted:

Robert W. Lamont, Chairman
Donald R. Burlingame, Vice-Chairman
Stephen R. Patrick, Treasurer
Edward F. Featherston
Paulette R. Zazza

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The 1997-1998 school year was filled with innumerable challenges which were faced and successfully met. Our capital improvement projects, our educational books and materials, and our educational programs all moved forward in an orderly manner through the generosity of our citizens. We ended our school year solvent with many accomplishments. The people of Bellingham have given us their support as they always have. It is with great pride and pleasure I present to you, the people of Bellingham, my second annual report on the condition of our schools.

The 1998-99 school year will be another exciting and challenging experience. Strong community support is a must for success. We will strive to maintain stability and financial responsibility as we continue to organize our schools to meet the educational requirements the Massachusetts Educational Reform Law mandates. We will strive for excellence in the coming year stepping forward in a planned concise manner. Soon we hope we can solve our space needs with new school construction. This will require state funds for new construction, larger school budgets, more staffing, and materials. State and local funds propel educational excellence.

Maintaining experienced, capable staff, which is one of the keys to stability, will be a major problem for most school systems in the future. My hope is to build a strong administrative team with energy and devotion to our students and community as we grow into a stronger school system each year.

We have recently hired a business manager, and we will be employing a new director of special services, and possibly other administrators as we build a strong school system. Goals can only be achieved by people who are willing to work together cooperating in a collegial manner giving of their time and energy to support our school system. All administrators must be committed to improving, enriching, and enhancing their individual areas of responsibility. We are one school system and one town and a spirit of cooperation and devotion to our community must prevail.

their individual areas of responsibility. We are one school system and one town and a spirit of cooperation and devotion to our community must prevail.

I thank the Bellingham School Committee for appointing me Superintendent of Schools. I will devote myself to making our good school system better through a planned systematic process. We will strive to improve our schools in every possible way.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph F. DiPietro, Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT

The number of students who received services in our schools in 1998 was approximately 2617 students and the average daily attendance for all schools was 96%. This report will provide information about the educational programs and activities that have been conducted for students in all grades during the calendar year of 1998.

ENROLLMENT

As of December 31, 1998, 2619 students were enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 in our schools. This figure represents an decrease in enrollment of 16 students. An decrease of 21 students occurred at the elementary level, and an increase of 5 students occurred at the secondary level in grades 7 through 12.

ENROLLMENT IN BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ALL GRADES, END OF THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL

1980-81 - 3353	1985-86 - 2596	1990-91 - 2227	1995-96 - 2466
1981-82 - 3265	1986-87 - 2471	1991-92 - 2308	1996-97 - 2574
1982-83 - 3043	1987-88 - 2420	1992-93 - 2261	1997-98 - 2635
1983-84 - 2867	1988-89 - 2300	1993-94 - 2311	1998-99 - 2619
1984-85 - 2746	1989-90 - 2264	1994-95 - 2394	

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORTS

CLARA MACY SCHOOL - Mrs. Donna F. Johnson - Principal

The Clara Macy School is appropriately named after Miss Clara Macy who was a dedicated and caring teacher in the Bellingham School System for fifty years. We adopt Miss Macy's philosophy that a personalized, caring academic framework promotes the thinking and learning needed for our students to succeed in the 21st century. Our teaching staff shares the vision with the parents and community that all children can learn and succeed and we must provide every student with an opportunity to receive the highest quality of education within a stimulating atmosphere in which to learn, and a nurturing environment in which to grow, with respect for each other and self. We believe that our instruction can be organized so that our students can master the information, concepts, and skills embodied in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

In this effort, during the summer I made plans for a smooth opening of the building by scheduling classes, reorganizing writing a new Parent Resource Handbook, (which is intended to enhance communications) ordering the necessary supplies to open the school year, and hiring new staff for the building. I also made plans for the adoption of a parent newsletter, "The Macy Connection." This publication will go home four times a year. We had only two new hires for the 98/99 school year. Ms. Mary Federlein was hired to replace Mrs. Cynthia Vendetti, who transferred to Stall Brook. Mrs. Deborah Dunton was hired to replace Mrs. Sally Freni, who transferred to the high school.

The building was readied for the 97/98 school year. A number of room changes were made to accommodate students with special needs. A new alarm system was installed and much work was done on both electrical lines and telephone lines to accommodate the needs of the new computer network. General cleaning of the building both inside and out was completed, all univents in the entire building were cleaned, lubricated and new filters were installed. All the exhaust fans on the roof were inspected,

if the belts were cracked or broken they were replaced and the motors were lubricated. The loading dock and the rear entryway by Room 12 were cleaned with a power washer. Areas of the building and the trim were painted. The lawns were prepared and trees surrounding the facility were trimmed.

The start of the school year went very well. The school enrollment at Macy was 422. The teachers along with their classrooms were welcoming and readied for their new group of students.

The Open House at Macy was very well attended. Parents were invited to visit the classrooms where they had the opportunity to meet the teachers and discuss with the teachers the curriculum and the expectations for the year. The next event was an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Macy PTO. It was a lot of fun and we served close to 600 guests. The next school sponsored event for the parents was in the late fall. Conferences were held and all parents were encouraged to meet with the teachers to discuss their child's progress. There were two afternoon sessions and one evening session for these conferences. We were pleased to see that so many parents were able to attend.

The major focus of the teaching staff this year is that of aligning our curriculum with the state frameworks. The teaching staff is diligently working to improve our performance on the MCAS. We have been working hard on strategies to improve our scores on future MCAS testing. Members of our teaching staff have been using our teachers' meetings to present materials on how to improve our performance on the Long Essay and will use future teacher meetings to work on other sections of the test.

We do feel it is important to mention that on the Iowa Test (a national standardized exam) Macy students were in the top 10% of the nation and close to the top 10% in the state results.

In order to promote our philosophy that education is based upon the premise that equal education opportunities should be available to all students of varying interests and abilities, the school program is

not limited to formal classroom experiences. All activities which involve both individual and group participation, contribute to each student's total learning experience. It is important to note that Macy's students are fortunate to receive classes in Art, Music, Spanish and Physical Education. Additionally, we have Reading Recovery and special education programs available for those students needing special services. Programs such as the "Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans" and the "John Hopkins Youth Talent Search" have been participated by Macy students and several received honors for their participation.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Burke, Macy celebrated April as Poetry month. Each day students read their favorite poetry over the intercom for the rest of the school to enjoy. Because of the success of this program, Macy students now read different selections to the student body each morning. It is a nice way to start the day and often it recognizes a special person or event in our history.

Camp Horizon is an on-going program for our sixth grade students. Horizons for Youth is a program that affords our sixth graders with the opportunity to participate in a week long environmental experience. Students learn the valuable skills involved in living and working together in a woodland setting and applications of classroom science skills to outdoor lessons.

Each year Macy holds an Arts Week. Students, staff, and parents spend the week learning about and celebrating the culture of a particular section of the world. Different facets of the visual arts, drama, poetry, crafts, dance and music highlight this event. Last spring the focus of Arts week was Africa. The students were immersed in the culture. Under the direction of Mrs. Eydenberg our school was transformed into wonderful examples of the African Culture. The children participated in a myriad of workshops and performances by their fellow students and participated in experiencing the crafts of Africa by studying about them and by making many of these crafts. Jeremiah Nabawi was a story teller

from the group “Hola Kuumba Ya,” and the Bamidele dancers and drummers of Amherst, Massachusetts performed African dance and held workshops on African dance and music. Math/Science was another enjoyable evening where students and parents learned together while participating in some great activities.

The Physical Education Curriculum, under the leadership of Mr. Howarth offers a “Ropes Course” to all students in grade five. This year Franklin sponsored the Ropes Course and it was reported that it was the best experience to date with this program.

The Challenge by Choice program is held outdoors and is designed to develop trust, cooperation, and teamwork among students. The fifth graders go to Stoney Brook (a nature trail) in February and June where they study the difference between the winter and spring environment. Representatives from Stony Brook make follow-up classroom visits.

D.A.R.E. is a program for prevention of substance abuse use among students. This program is available to sixth grade students for a period of 17 weeks. The curriculum presented by Officer Martin includes such topics as how to say no to peers, self-esteem, assertiveness, social influences contributing to the use of drugs, and positive alternatives to drug use. The students will visit Dedham House of Corrections where it is hoped that it will serve as a deterrent to any future substance abuse.

Examples of other field trips that are experienced by Macy students are as follows: Sturbridge, The Aquarium, Roger Williams Park, the Bellingham Community Day (police station, firehouse, town hall, library), Plimoth Plantation and The Boston Duck Tour.

Throughout the year enrichment programs are brought into the school in the attempt to enrich the curriculum. Care is taken to insure that these programs support the new frameworks. Enrichment programs are offered to our children, examples of these for this school year would be Jeff Corin’s, “Going Wild”, and “Mother Goose”. We are also hosting an artist in residence program. Music consists of an instrumental music program and a choral program. The instrumental music

functions as a district wide band. The chorus performs in a winter and a spring concert each school year. The annual education fair is held during National Education Week. Through these activities and many more we hope to empower our students to fulfill their individual potential while learning the importance of community and the obligations of citizenship.

To further enhance the education of our students, teachers at Macy have been taking advantage of workshops, seminars, college courses and special institutes to keep abreast of the most recent state mandates in curriculum and testing. Since the last annual report the list of courses, etc., experienced by our staff is impressive.

Macy has an excellent school climate and it is being further enhanced by a new program called "Student of the Month", which is an extension of a program that we adopted last year, Shooting for the Stars". Every time a student in school expresses one of the four values - kindness, cooperation, honesty or respect, the child's name is placed on the wall at the "Shooting Rockets" display. A student exhibiting outstanding leadership, academics or citizenship is named student of the month and receives special recognition and a star on the "Shooting For The Stars" bulletin board.

Several of our students received recognition for outstanding efforts in various school related competitions. Vincent Nyren, John Lee, and Michael Haines were recognized for outstanding academic achievement in the John Hopkins Talent Search. Thirty five of our students were published in Young People's Anthology of Poetry. Amanda Salvas received a book for the poems that she had written.

We recognize that teachers alone cannot provide for all of these wonderful learning opportunities for our students but depend heavily on the extraordinary efforts of the Macy PTO. The Macy parents assist us by running many important fundraisers, activities for the children, cultural events, fieldtrips and they are even in charge of the Yearbook. Their enthusiasm and hard work is commendable.

The School Council prepared a school assessment survey and had staff, parents and members of the community fill out the survey. At this time we are going over the surveys and will use it to prepare future school improvement reports.

As partners with the parents and community in the education of the child, we at Macy pursue the maximum in all students learning. In this effort we provide opportunities to learn skills, working cooperatively and using educational tools and technology. Our students use the higher level thinking processes of analysis, synthesis and evaluation. We recognize the important of providing for the multiple intelligence's and the many different styles of learning. We strive to instill in our students the desire for the intelligence's and the many different styles of learning. We strive to instill in our students the desire for the intelligent pursuit of knowledge, the discipline of learning the intrinsic motivation to compete against oneself and that with the satisfaction and joy gained from obtaining new knowledge we will infuse in our students the desire to become lifelong learners.

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Mr. James E. Mullaly, Principal

The 1997-98 school year saw a number of changes at South Elementary School. Mr. Joseph F. DiPietro, who had served as Principal for many years, became the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Peter Vangel, Business Manager, led the school as Acting Principal until January 1998, when the School Committee appointed Mr. James E. Mullaly, a teacher in the Bellingham school system for 28 years, as the Acting Principal for the remainder of the school year. In June 1998, Mr. Mullaly was appointed as the Principal of South Elementary School. The addition of a new fifth grade position and a Title I Reading teacher has helped to reduce class size at the fifth grade level and to provide services to meet the needs of all of our students. As our enrollment increases we strive to have reasonable class sizes in all of our grades from Kindergarten to Grade 6. Currently, our school enrollment is six hundred forty (640) students.

Open House

Many parents visited the school for Meet the Teacher Night held in September. This was an opportunity for parents to learn about the classroom programs and how to enhance the educational process for their children. American Education Week was observed with classroom visitation during the week of November 16th through November 20th. Parents were also invited for conferences to discuss the progress of their children. The annual Educational Fair was held on March 25th. It was a wonderful evening for parents and family members visiting the school to enjoy the projects made by the students that were on display in each classroom.

Programs

The instrumental music program is an option for students in grades five and six. During the year, the district wide band consisting of students from all three elementary schools perform two concerts. South Elementary School has a chorus program for students in grades four through six. These chorus students share their talent as they perform a winter and a spring concert each year.

Teachers and specialists in the primary grades are utilizing a Language Arts program call "Won Way". Dr. Rose Bradley conducted inservice training and classroom demonstrations of these phonetic skills and techniques. This curriculum project has resulted in our primary grade students' high level of achievement in Reading. The new Scott Foresman Reading program **Celebrate Reading** is used at each grade level to develop strong readers, writers, communicators and thinkers. These programs and materials will enable our students to achieve the goals as stated in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

English Language Arts Curriculum workshops under the direction of Dr. Francis Driscoll were conducted to align our curriculum with the state frameworks. Inservice training for all teachers in this area was held in the fall.

Math-Their-Way is an approach that is used with students in kindergarten through grade two. It combines the use of many kinds of manipulatives with mathematical reasoning. Our math curriculum has been completed and correlated to the state frameworks. Students in grades two, three, five and six have been tested in the areas of math and reading this year using exit tests that were developed by our teachers. We are very pleased with how well our students have done on these tests.

A new computer laboratory has been constructed in the library with 18 new computer stations. There are also computers in each of the classes for grades 3 through 6. Our primary classes still have a number of older computers at this time. Many teachers have enrolled in the inservice computer training that has been conducted in our own computer lab and are now able to utilize technology across the curriculum with the students.

The Silver Burdett & Ginn Science program, which correlates well with the Massachusetts Science & Technology Frameworks, is used in all grades at South Elementary School. The teachers in this successful program utilize a hands-on approach that also embraces the PALMS philosophy of integrating math and science. The Voyage of the Mimi I & II is used in grades 4 and 5 to supplement and enhance the curriculum.

A Health Curriculum Parent Information Night was held in March to allow parents to review the health materials that are presented as part of the Great Body Shop. This is the comprehensive health and substance abuse program in which all of the students participate. We also have a Hepatitis B Immunization Program and a weekly fluoride program. "Firefighter Phil" is a program on fire safety that is presented to students in grades one to four. This program in conjunction with the "Learn Not To Burn" curriculum is funded by Bellingham businesses and a state grant. During Fire Prevention Week members of the Fire Department instructed the students on the importance of EDITH (Exit Drills In The Home). The DARE program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education is part of the

curriculum in grade six. The program is sponsored by the Bellingham Police Department under the direction of Lt. James Haughey. The DARE Officer was Officer Lee Rolls. The DARE graduation was held in March with sixth graders presenting skits and reading the winning entries in the essay contest.

New curriculum materials have been purchased this year for social studies. **We The People** by Houghton Mifflin Company was selected to update our curriculum with new textbooks, biographies, maps, and computer software, and align it with the frameworks provided by the state. All grade levels will be utilizing these new materials.

A bus orientation program for incoming kindergarten students was conducted to familiarize them with bus procedures and safety. In addition a kindergarten program orientation for parents and classroom visitation was scheduled.

Parent Teacher Organization

The partnership between the home and school is strengthened by the cooperation of the South Elementary School PTO. Congratulations to the officers who, by their leadership, have sponsored many wonderful activities for our students. Each year through successful fund raisers they have sponsored activities: cultural events and field trips for all students, ice cream socials, fourth and sixth grade parties, sixth grade year book, and purchased educational materials. The PTO sponsored many enrichment events for the school: Historical Perspectives portrayed the life of Helen Keller, New England Aquarium's Traveling Tidepool program, Epic Brass, and the Challenger Center trip.

The PTO also sponsored the annual kindergarten graduation, which was well attended by parents and grandparents. Sixth graders also conducted graduation exercises and were presented with their diplomas, yearbooks, and special awards. Presidential Scholastic Awards were earned by many of the graduates.

Horizons For Youth is a week long environmental program for sixth graders that is also sponsored by the PTO. This program which included students from all three Bellingham elementary schools is always a high point for the sixth graders. An organized committee of dedicated parents working closely with our school leads this program.

South Elementary School Council

The School Council was formed as a result of the Educational Reform Act of 1993. The Council consists of three parents, two teachers and a community (non-parent) member for a total of seven members. Parents and teachers are elected to the council for three-year terms. The School Council affords an opportunity for all members to review the school budget, develop school goals and the school improvement plan.

The School Council has been very active in addressing and achieving the goals set forth in the school improvement plan this year.

Project Pride

Project Pride was established to raise funds for South Elementary School. Dedicated members of the faculty are the leaders, assisted by the PTO members. The officers of Project Pride are to be commended for their tremendous accomplishments. The school will continue to benefit from their support and generosity.

Thanks must go to the entire staff of the Bellingham School Administration Offices for their guidance and help throughout the year. The students, parents, and staff that make up the South Elementary School community deserve special praise and thanks for all that they have accomplished this year.

STALL BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Mr. Robert V. Hassan, Principal

The mission of Stall Brook Elementary School is to prepare students to become knowledgeable citizens who contribute to an ever-changing society by providing its students with an outstanding education driven by a dynamic curriculum, a dedicated staff and a committed community striving for excellence.

During this year, Stall Brook is undergoing many changes. It is a year of revitalization, restructuring and instructional changes. New programs are being developed; the school facility is being upgraded (new furnishings, flooring, cafeteria tables and major painting).

In all grade levels, Prescriptive Teaching techniques are being instituted for all students. Currently, the school population totals 510 students. One hundred thirty-five of these students have active Individual Educational Plans. The school provides for three major town-wide Special Education Programs for grades K-6 (involving 45 students).

In order to accomplish the revitalization the school has adapted the following **Goals and Objectives**:

Goal #1

Provide an appropriate educational program that will meet the needs of students as we approach the 21st century.

Objectives:

- To use technology throughout the entire curriculum.
- To create a media center that supports the curriculum utilizing advanced learning systems.
- To establish a professional/instructional resource center.

- To provide the staff with appropriate support services and consultants needed for the school programs.

Goal #2

Expand and update school-wide curriculum to meet the needs of a diversified school population.

Objectives:

- To coordinate and articulate the curriculum through grades I-VI.
- To create an atmosphere in which the cultural arts become totally integrated within the instructional model.
- To expand interrelated curriculum experiences.
- To develop and use an assessment model which will evaluate current instructional goals and suggests changes that insure instructional goal and achievement.

Goal #3

Expand staff development.

Objectives:

- To provide common planning time which fosters communication.
- To promote collaborative teaching and computer assisted instruction.
- To encourage off-site visitation to investigate new programs.
- To promote in-service training on-site and participate in/at local conferences.
- To promote academic freedom which encourages experimentation and risk taking.
- To provide appropriate teacher training for special populations.

Goal #4

Improve class and individual performance.

Objectives:

- To provide diversified materials at the appropriate instructional levels.
- To identify the learning need and use the appropriate instructional approach.
- To incorporate assessment procedures in planning for group and individualized instruction.
- To maintain high standards of performance throughout the instructional program.

GOAL #5

Foster a positive school climate that provides a safe, orderly environment for students and staff.

Objectives:

- To develop appropriate social/behavioral skills.
- To provide opportunities for self-esteem and positions for leadership.
- To develop positive attitudes in all adults and students.
- To foster a meaningful public relations program which involves the community.

In order to accomplish the above goals and objectives, it involves a major partnership between the following parties: a). Administration. b). Staff. c). Parents. d). the business community and most important of all - the students. Our school improvement plan has been implemented and is expanding in many areas. The MCAS testing and Department of Education Frameworks will drive the curriculum and evaluate the success of our programs. Listed below are some of the components:

School Improvement Plan - The plan was developed by the School Council and the school administration. Many of the recommendations for refurbishing the school has been completed: auditorium curtains, amphitheater carpeting, new tile in classrooms, painting, etc. It will take an

additional two years to complete the entire project. One major component that must be addressed in the near future is the playground. The P.T.O. will match a School Department expenditure of \$10,00 for this project. The School Council is now directing its energies to the area of staff development and curriculum.

P.T.O. - The P.T.O. continues to support many cultural programs for our children. In addition, they provide special grants for teachers enabling new programs to be introduced. Their role as volunteers is far reaching. It varies from classroom teaching assistance for teachers, school newsletter and clerical support for the Administration. The P.T.O.'s support and commitment is commendable.

Community Involvement -a). Stall Brook has been entered into a community partnership with local businesses. One in particular is Home Depot. Home Depot has donated building materials to repair the wooden bridge to the nature trails. The carpentry work was completed by the "Stall Brook Dads Group". Additional partnerships with Wal-Mart and other local businesses are also being developed. b). **Senior Citizens Project** - We are fortunate to have senior citizens work in many classrooms at our school. Our fifth grade students regularly visit the Senior Center throughout the year. c). **V.F.W.** - Stall Brook supports the V.F.W. Council's Memorial Funds.

Artist in Residence Programs - The school administration and the P.T.O. has expanded the Artist in Residence Program for "all children". A series of artists visit classrooms and provide instruction and enrichment experiences for our children. This is a curriculum oriented program and specializes in providing high quality and culturally appropriate experiences for our children.

Curriculum Development - We are proud that the professional staff has taken a leadership role in District-wide Curriculum Projects: Language Arts, Social Studies, Reporting Systems,

Assessment Programs and the New math Pilots. As we adjust our programs to meet the requirements of the D.O.E. Frameworks, we must also adjust our instructional programs (methodology) to ensure success.

Technology - Computer assisted instruction is taking place in all classrooms including kindergarten. The Technology Coordinator has organized the use of the computer lab for grades four through six. The use of the lab includes research projects and writing programs. The professional staff is involved in district-wide technology training that will utilize new software programs. It is our plan to merge the library program/media specialist with the development of a planned technology program.

Students as Learners - In addition to providing core learning experiences for all children, we strive to enrich each child's life and provide meaningful experiences that are directed to meet the school's goals. These experiences range from "Peer Mediation Programs" to a Y.M.C.A. Ropes Program. Field trips are an extension of our school programs. The D.A.R.E. Program, After School Art, Cub Scouts, etc., are all designed to exemplify a model program.

In conclusion, Stall Brook is a community unto itself. Only through a sustained effort of all individuals and groups involved (working in concert with each other) will we be successful.

It is with great pride that I can report that this is successfully happening at our school. We maintain high standards, high expectations, and high performance for all of us.

BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE

1. Evaluate current practices and programs.

2. Identify needed changes.
3. Plan for change.
4. Staff Development and training for change.
5. Initiate new programs.
6. Evaluate new programs.

BELLINGHAM MEMORIAL JR - SR HIGH SCHOOL - Mr. Anthony T. Polito, Principal

INTRODUCTION

Change continues to present itself as a major theme for the Bellingham Junior-Senior High School. The proposed new high school, creating a middle school philosophy and program, building renovations, incorporating all segments of Massachusetts Educational Reform, Special Education Reform, technological advances, instructional practices, to name a few, have required a continued systematic study. Every constituent group must continue to participate in discussions and communicate effectively for Bellingham Memorial Junior-Senior High School to continue to move ahead into the next century.

The centerpiece of 1998 was the culmination of the two-year New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) self-study. The self-study ended with a Visiting Committee, Chaired by Dr. Coral May Grout (the Asst. Supt. of the Athol-Royalston School District) spending four days at the School from September 27-30. By years end the preliminary report from the Visiting Committee had been received by the High School Administration. The final report will be made public to all segments of the Bellingham Community in February.

As we enter 1999, the strengths of our school (as seen by NEASC) are the expanded financial commitment to support increasing technology (computers and calculators), the elimination of "user fees" for athletics, the high level of volunteerism in programs, and the reinstatement of

department heads to coordinate curriculum.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

STAFF

The Guidance staff at the secondary level for the 1998-99 school year includes a Guidance Department Supervisor, two full-time counselors, one part-time counselor and a clerk. The counselor/student assignments for the current school year are as follows:

Grade 7	Mrs. Barbara Flanagan and Mr. Edward Fleury
Grade 8	Mrs. Kathleen Hebden
Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12	Student counselor assignments are shared by the department supervisor and counselors
Students by Assignment Grades 7-12	Mr. Guillemette

CLASS DAY EXERCISES

Class Day Exercises is an annual award ceremony conducted by the Guidance Department Supervisor, assisted by the Guidance secretary. The entire high school student body and faculty attend this function. Awards were presented in thirty-one categories last year. Awards may include medals, pins, trophies, books, plaques and certificates of merit. Two-hundred and twenty-nine (229) students received recognition at this annual event held on June 4, 1998. This was the 60th annual awards program.

LOCAL COLLEGE FAIR

The Bellingham Guidance staff, in conjunction with other local guidance departments in the South Central Guidance Association, assisted in hosting a College Fair held at Franklin High School on October 19, 1998. Over two hundred colleges, technical schools, military and bank representatives were available to speak with both students and their parents. Numerous Bellingham students and their parents were in attendance.

COLLEGE/SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

Over 130 college/university, technical schools and armed service representatives visit our school annually. Counselors are assigned (on a rotating basis) to meet with representatives as they visit the high school. Representatives meet with both counselors and interested students to speak with them and provide information about their institutions. Literature is disbursed at these visitations (i.e.: applications, viewbooks, etc.) and is made available in the Career Ed Room.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT

On Wednesday, December 2, 1998 at 7:15 p.m. a "Financial Aid Information Night" was held for both students and their parents. The Director from the Admissions Office of Framingham State College, Mr. Richard Dutilly, was the guest speaker assisted by the Guidance Supervisor and staff members.

CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM

Our Career Awareness Program included varied speakers throughout the year as well as guidance sponsored field trips to schools and/or events. Speakers have visited classes from the ITT Technical Institute, Katherine Gibbs School, New England Tractor Trailer School, MotoRing Technical Training Institute, Baybank, Bridgewater State College, Mass Bay Community College, New England Institute of Technology, Blaine's School of Hair Design, Landmark Medical Center and Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island. Field trips have included New England Institute of Technology, Angelo's School of Hair Design, Blackstone Valley Regional Technical/Vocational High School.

SCHOOL TO CAREER

Bellingham Jr-Sr High School is an active member in the Tri-County Partnership, participating with 12 area towns in developing a "School to Career" system in cooperation with local

businesses and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. Edward L. Fleury is the high school “School to Career Coordinator” and Roger Guillemette is the middle school “School to Career Coordinator.” In 1998, Bellingham applied for and received a \$3,000 high school grant to continue the “School to Career” program at the senior high level. A career portfolio system, which will carry-on with students throughout high school and career-related software, a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Personality Traits Career Evaluation Analysis and a Strong Interest Inventory have been purchased for students in grades 10 (M.B.T.I.) and grade 11 (S.I.T.) Members of the high school team include Edward Fleury, Elaine D’Alfonso, Nancy Gray, Glenn Gariepy, and Dr. Jan Chiappone. Members of both the middle school and high school teams have participated in workshops sponsored by the consortium. Mr. Guillemette and Mr. Fleury have attended meetings on a monthly basis since September of 1996.

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Mark Maniella, a career motivational speaker presented a 90-minute assembly for grade 12 students on 12/22/98. Mr. Maniella presents programs in over 200 high schools per year in the Northeast.

PEER LEADER PROGRAM

Approximately 80 students in grades nine through twelve are currently participating in the Peer Leadership Program. Various students are involved in Peer Mediation (students helping students to resolve disputes), Peer Education (students informing students about social or health-related issues) and Peer Leaders (students providing academic and tutorial support to students of all grade levels). Throughout the 1998 school year the peer leaders were educated on many teen and societal issues by attending training’s, workshops and conferences. In addition, we have sponsored programs for the entire school population and the community in an effort to raise

awareness around these issues in order to promote safe and violence free schools for all students. In addition to workshops promoting safe school programs for gay and lesbian students, the peer leaders attended training and workshops on healthy relationships, teen dating violence, sexual harassment and AIDS and HLIV. The following are some of the programs that the peer leaders have presented and sponsored during the 1998 school year:

- Attended two training workshops on Bullying and Harassment and Sexual Harassment and then assisted facilitators from New Hope in conducting workshops for all 7th and 8th graders.
- Conducted an orientation program for upcoming 7th graders that included a play on conflict resolution and understanding individual differences presented by Perishable Theater.
- AIDS EDUCATION AWARENESS WEEK which culminated in a two day and one evening viewing of two panels of the AIDS QUILT. Four assemblies were held where all our students and faculty heard a presentation on AIDS. The students also viewed a video on the history and significance of the AIDS QUILT. In addition faculty members were encouraged to incorporate a class project or presentation during the awareness week and as a result, many creative and meaningful lessons were conducted.
- Chemical Dependency Night was an evening for all athletes and their parents, which was cosponsored by the Peers and the Athletic Department.
- In order to raise awareness of the growing concern of abuse in relationships, workshops were conducted by the MENTORS IN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM. The program helped to educate, raise awareness of these issues and encourage our students to play a more active role in reducing violence, harassment and abuse. Peer Leaders in grades 9-11 and athletes representing all our high school sports attended the workshops.
- In addition, 12 of the Peer Leaders are trained Peer Mediators. The mediation program helps to promote a safer and violent free school for all our students.

MENTOR PROGRAM

The Mentors in Bellingham Schools (MIBS) is an early intervention model that provides a one to one relationship between a deserving youngster and a caring, committed, adult volunteer. It is a powerful, effective way to improve self-esteem, attendance, and school performance for those

students who need a little extra support. There are over 25 students in grades 7 through 9 who meet with mentors on a regular basis.

S.A.D.D. PROGRAM

The Bellingham SADD Chapter (Students Against Destructive Decisions) started in January 1998 with twenty (20) interested students. This year, SADD has over fifty (50) members dedicated to preventing under age drinking and drug use by focusing attention on the potentially life threatening consequences of destructive decisions.

CBJ PROGRAM

The Criminal Based Justice (CBJ) Program is an interagency collaboration between educators, law enforcement officials, social services agencies, and the courts. At this point, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed and accepted by the school and police department. The purpose of this network of local task forces is to meet regularly to identify and share information about high-risk youth.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

A committee has been formed to provide procedures and guidelines for the prevention and intervention of critical incidents. A manual will be written to serve as a general model for all schools in the system. The final plan will outline how all individuals in the school community (i.e.: administrators, teachers, parents, students, bus drivers, and support staff), will be able to identify and respond to any emergency on school grounds.

STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION

In an effort to promote students participation in civic affairs, the Guidance Department Supervisor (Assistant Registrar of Voters for Bellingham) in coordination with the Town Clerk (Registrar of Voters), conducts a voter registration campaign annually. Registration was held on

May 1, 1998, prior to the Annual Town Meeting. Twenty-six (26) students became registered voters through in-house registration.

DARE PROGRAM

In February and March of 1998, several peer leaders visited the three elementary schools to assist the local Police Department with the Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.) They met with sixth grade students to disseminate information and to share experiences.

GRADE 7 ORIENTATION PROGRAM

On Wednesday, May 20, 1998 peer leaders in grades 10, 11 and 12 conducted an orientation program for the 1998-99 incoming grade 7 students of the Class of 2004 from the three elementary schools. Sixth grade students viewed a one hour play, toured the Junior-Senior High School, ate lunch in the high school cafeteria and met with our school's Principal, Assistant Principal, Athletic Director, Music Director, 7th Grade Teachers, School Nurse and the Guidance Staff.

JOHN HOPKINS YOUTH TALENT SEARCH

The purpose of the Talent Search is to identify, assess and recognize the academic abilities of highly able students. Eighteen (18) participants in grades 7 qualified by ranking in the 97% or above in a Grade 6 Standardized Test. Participants attend weekly workshops run by the Math department head. These select Grade 7 students will participate in the January 23, 1999 S.A.T.'s.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Thirty-six (36) local scholarship sponsors were contacted and programs were re-activated and made available to the graduates of the Class of 1998. These scholarships, sponsored by local businesses, civic groups and organizations, offered more than \$28,200.00 in scholarship awards.

Scholarship recipients are recognized during the graduation ceremony, many of which are announced for the first time on this occasion. Most scholarship applications are distributed and collected directly through the Guidance office. Any scholarships which become available (whether local, regional or national competitions) are advertised in the senior newsletters, on Guidance Bulletin Boards and in local newspapers. Students in the Class of 1998 were awarded numerous scholarships and are taking advantage of this financial assistance to further their education.

In addition to scholarships available to all graduates, the Guidance department also made available and coordinated the following special scholarship programs:

- Voice of Democracy Contest (open to grades 9-12)
- Hugh O-Brian Leadership Program (grade 10)
- Century III Leadership Scholarship Program (grade 12)
- DAR Citizenship Award Scholarship Program (grade 12)
- Presidential Academic Fitness Award Program (grade 12)
- AFL/CIO Scholarship Competition (grade 12)
- Lion's Club Oratorical Contest (grade 11 and 12)

MASS MAJIC

A total of ninety-seven (97) students from grades 10 and 11 coordinated participation in Mass Majic, which is a testing program to help high school students make more informed choices for the following years course selections. Seventy-four (74) students participated in the Prognostic Exam (Algebra II level) and twenty-three (23) were administered a Calculus Readiness Test. The main objective was to guide each student to the most appropriate sequential mathematics course as suggested by their test score and future plans. A letter of advice was given to each participating student. Mass Majic is run from the University of Lowell with no cost to participating schools.

GUIDANCE INTERNSHIP

In September 1998 a graduate student from Assumption College began her second year toward the completion of her Vocational/Guidance Internship which consists of 22.5 hours per

week. Ms. Lisa Sperduti will complete her internship requirements for a Master's Degree in Guidance and Rehabilitation Counseling in May of 1999. In addition, this internship will complete her certification requirements for Guidance Counselor and Rehabilitation Counselor in Massachusetts. Edward Fleury, Guidance Department Supervisor, coordinated the program in affiliation with Dr. Robert Pelletier, College-Intern Supervisor.

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Special Education department at the high school has one new teacher and two new teacher aides bringing our department staff to 8 teachers, and 6 aides. This does not include the SPED coordinator.

The self-contained class taught by Joan Murphy is now involved in a vocational component to their program. Job sites have been established for the four students at Wal-Mart and Market Basket. The four students work Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The two students working at Wal-Mart are paid \$5.25 per hour through a grant from Metro South/West Employment and Training Administration. The two students working at Market Basket earn the same pay and are compensated directly from Market Basket. Ms. Murphy and Mr. Guillemette are to be congratulated for their diligence in helping to establish this wonderful learning and work opportunity.

The Special Ed Department has also been actively working to align their course work with that of the regular education departments. At the Jr. High level the 8th grade science class has begun to use the same textbook as the standard and transitional students. The eighth grade Language class is reading some of the same material as the regular education students. The 10-12 Science class participated in a project along with the students in the Child Growth and Development class in an attempt to better understand the difficulties and complexities of teen

parenting. The goal in the examples provided is to align coursework with the curriculum frameworks and to begin the process of investigating ways of moving toward a more inclusive setting. In addition several members of the Special Education Department have spent time with the Social Studies Department reviewing textbook options for the upcoming year.

A more comprehensive inventory was also completed this year. Materials that had become scattered through the years have been organized by subject and grade level. Storage for materials has been reorganized also.

Two members of the department attended a conference entitled “Angry and Reluctant Learners”. The focus was on realistic and motivating strategies geared to dealing with at-risk learners.

Department meetings held on a monthly basis review the agenda generated from the department head meetings. Discussion concerning department policies, transitional classes, MCAS, inclusion, and interdisciplinary units are a few of the topics discussed.

WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

In late October, 1998, World Language students and their teachers had the opportunity to attend the Boston International Festival at the Bay Side Expo. There, they experienced a taste of the music, foods, and wares from cultures around the globe. For the 220 students who participated, the field trip was well worth it!

The World Language Department is now in the process of planning for its own second Annual International Festival which will be held at the High School gym on March 11-12, 1999. The event, which will involve all language classes in both the middle school and high school, will include exhibits on countries around the world, a sampling of international foods, and unique items for sale. In addition, the World Language Department, in conjunction with the Art

Department, will display many hand-made crafts from continents ranging from South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. It is hoped that such an event will raise students' awareness of the cultural richness and interdependency of the peoples of the world.

Thanks to available funds, the World Language Department is also in the midst of revamping all of its language books. In order to meet the objectives of the Department's newly-revised curriculum as well as the state's foreign language frameworks, such an updating of texts and materials is of the utmost necessity.

Josette Trocchio, World Language Chair, attended the annual Massachusetts Foreign Language Association Conference which was held in Sturbridge, MA., on October 30, 1998. The theme of the conference was "World Language Instruction in the New Millennium," and stressed the challenges that teachers of foreign languages will face in the 21st century.

Interdisciplinary units have been planned and/or implemented by all World Language Teachers in conjunction with teachers from other departments. Examples of such activities include Spanish songs performed jointly by students in both Spanish and Chorus, as well as French cooking with students of both French and food classes. Additionally, Latin and Art classes will be putting on classical skits (with Art students sharing their mask-making expertise with Latin students) and Advanced French and Art classes will be doing a unit on Monet and his water-lilies.

In February, 1999, some French and Art classes will be attending the Mary Cassat Exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. This field trip will be mostly financed by the generosity of the Bellingham Cultural Council.

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The technology department has undergone a number of changes and improvements for the 1998-99 school year.

In the area of Industrial Arts, we are in the process of purchasing a new Cad/Key software program. This computer aided drafting will be offered in the second semester of this school year. This program will be available for classroom use in one lab with 25 computer stations.

Our DECA program is in the process of incorporating training on the Doc-u-Tech duplicating equipment that was recently installed at the high school. Selected students will be working on various projects utilizing this high tech equipment.

In our three computer labs that were installed last year we have made a number of advancements. All of our labs are now connected to our local area network (LAN). The computers in the Library are also part of this system. Every student and teacher in the school now has his/her own Directory where all of their individual files and documents can be stored. Plans are underway to create and store student Portfolios in their individual directories. These portfolios will remain with each student in their personal directories from grades 7 through 12.

We have also added two new course offerings this year. We now have an MS Word II course which emphasizes more of the advanced features of word processing, and we have added MS Office II, which covers Access, a database software program, and PowerPoint, which is a presentation software program. This is the second half of the Microsoft Office suite of programs.

We are also now connected to the Internet. All of the computers in all of the labs have this access. Instruction in its use will be incorporated into the current computer courses.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English department has exercised an enormous amount of spirit and cooperation over the year to meet requirements and to provide creative outlets for students. An important consideration involves the sharing of materials and pedagogy among department members. With

two new teachers, we have seen an expanded sense of enthusiasm and collaboration, mixing the tried-and-true with creative innovation, certainly a winning formula.

Successful integration of the Sadlier-Qxford vocabulary series throughout grades 7 - 12 will target the word recognition and terminology skills required for both state and national testing as well as grade level expectations. Computer collaboration in the 10th and 11th grades includes an introduction to EXPAN to facilitate college search for schools, funding, and requirements. A reasonable goal is to integrate course instruction with computer access.

Curriculum was rewritten to align with the Frameworks; some areas are still pending. Each grade level provided testing and study hints to aid in the MCAS and other testing. Obviously, with the recent results, more refinements will be forthcoming. The English department underwent a self-evaluation, along with all other departments, to finalize reports for the NEASC visit. As the year closes, we are preparing to offer 25% of the mid-term examination as a departmentalized exam per grade level. Also, interdisciplinary units have been designed to integrate multiple-area studies.

Field trips to dramatic ensembles continue and in-class recordings/presentations have been enacted as well as creative productions of readings. Perhaps the true strength of the department lies in its willingness to adapt to the demands of student needs and to recognize the 'real world' applications our students require. The department should be commended for its efforts!

WELLNESS DEPARTMNT

The Wellness Department continues to develop new curriculum and activities for Bellingham students. The ninth and tenth grade physical education classes piloted a new program designed to focus on fitness and health for life. This new program illustrates the transformation of high school physical education from a game and skills oriented program to a new curriculum of lifelong health

and fitness training. Other new wellness programs for physical education included self-defense for girls and swing dancing in the junior high.

Several guest speakers were utilized in the Wellness department this year. Many local groups were part of these wellness presentations. Some of the local groups utilized were the Bellingham Police department, the State Police, visiting nurses from area hospitals, Alcoholic's Anonymous, and the American Cancer Society.

During the month of May, Wellness teacher, Ms. Sandy Xenos, organized the first annual Town of Bellingham Wellness Day. This day included many activities, information booths, and refreshments. The day was enjoyed by all in attendance.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The Mathematics Department is pleased to announce the hiring of Herbert Andrews to fill the Junior High math position left vacant by the hiring of Elaine D'Alfonso as Assistant Principal. Mr. Louis Pepin was appointed to the position of Department Head.

The department has involved a number of students in various math competitions. Thirty juniors and seniors participated in the 35th annual Math Olympiad. Seventh and eighth graders in pre-algebra and honors algebra have participated in the 14th annual America Junior High Mathematics Exam, and a group of juniors and seniors competed in a math competition at W.P.I.

A voluntary study group is available after school for geometry students and another for seventh grade John Hopkins participants. A new course in "C" programming is now offered to high school students. The proposal to increase the math graduation requirements from two to three credits has been given to the School Committee for approval. The department is taking measures to better prepare our students for MCAS.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

In August, the Science Department added Ms. Muscatell as a seventh grade Science teacher. Her students and staff appreciate her youthful enthusiasm combined with a strong science background.

Both Ms. Muscatell and Mr. Gibbs participated in a workshop to prepare our seventh graders for the Challenger trips in the spring. The Challenger trips, named after the ill-fated space shuttle, are conducted at Framingham State College in space shuttle flight simulators. The Bellingham Educational Foundation (BEF) provides the funds for this activity. The Science Department is very appreciative of BEF's support.

Science MCAS test results placed our Science students at or slightly above the State average in each Science category. The Science Department faculty was please with this news.

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT

The Fine Arts Department has improved its offerings by increasing one Art position from 4/5's to full-time, and one Music Position from 2/5's to 3/5's. The Music and Visual Arts curriculum have been revised according to the State Frameworks for the recent NEASC accreditation.

The Music students participated in a special field trip by way of a cruise to the Bahamas Islands. The Band and Chorus took part in numerous competitions while on the cruise ship and on the islands. All performing groups earned awards. Also, five students successfully placed at the Central District Music Festival. Student Robert DuBois received an All-State Recognition Award.

The Band continued to perform at all football games, including the State Championship Super Bowl game. The Band has also performed at many local and area public performances. We are pleased to report that the enrollment in both the Band and Chorus is continuing to grow. We have

had to add another section of the seventh grade Band.

New music technology has been obtained through a grant written by elementary Music specialist Larry Williams and SPED Director Paul Primavera. The year ended with the school bands performing their customary Holiday Pops concerts.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

With the cooperation and help of Dr. Driscoll, the Social Studies department members are in the process of aligning the curriculum to coincide with the new state Social Studies curriculum framework in order to prepare for the state assessments. Dr. Driscoll has instituted a vendor selection committee, which includes members of the Social Studies and Special Education departments, in order to fully investigate the necessary resources available among various publishers that will best serve the needs of the students from grades 7 through 12.

The Social Studies department continues to provide extra-curricular opportunities for students who have an interest in Social Studies related activities. Members of the department volunteer their time to provide activities such as Mock Trial and the annual high school history conference sponsored by Upsilon Alpha, Framingham State College's Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

In the Spring of 1998, the National Honor Society ran a benefit dance in the high school's gym to raise money for Make a Wish Foundation. \$1,000 was collected and donated to the Foundation for the purpose of helping to fund the medical expenses for a very sick child.

In addition, in May, 1998, many N.H.S. students participated in the Walk for Hunger in Boston. The 20 mile walk which both begins and culminates on the Boston Common is an annual fund raising event to feed the hungry in Mass.

Recently, students also contributed to the spirit of giving of the holiday season by organizing and cooking a Thanksgiving Feast and then serving it to the members of the Adult Day Health Center in Bellingham. The meal was accompanied by music, also performed by members of the N.H.S. In addition, to raise funds for the Children's Holiday Kitchen, sponsored by Project Bread, the National Honor Society painted wooden spoons and sold them for that purpose.

Besides raking leaves for a raft of elderly people in the Bellingham Community, helping needy adults with shopping and cleaning, and entertaining young children at Wee Folk Nursery School and Kindergarten, N.H.S. students have donated their time and their effort to many worthwhile causes.

On October 28, 1998, 31 Juniors and 5 Seniors were inducted into the Bellingham High School National Honor Society. Congratulatory remarks were offered by Joseph DiPietro, Superintendent of Schools, Anthony Polito, Principal, and Honor Society Advisor, Josette Trocchio.

The special guest of the evening was Ms. Kerri Fedorchak, medical student at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, MA., and former graduate of Bellingham High School. She enlightened the audience with accounts of her experiences in both Nicaragua and Kenya, and emphasized to the members of the N.H.S. the importance of taking chances in life and facing uncertain challenges.

An elegant candle lighting ceremony followed in which the National Honor Society Officers—President, Scott McDonald, Vice President, Carolyn Clopeck, Secretary, Nicole Reinsel, and Treasurer, Latoya Eheridge participated. These four Officers also spoke about the criteria of Leadership, Citizenship, Service, and Character as essential prerequisites for both admission into and continued membership in the National Honor Society. Following the distribution of

Trudeau, all newly-inducted and former members, holding individual candles, took part in an impressive recessional. A festive celebration dinner followed the induction ceremony.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

The High School Student Council has just completed another strong year of service to the School and the community of Bellingham. Two outstanding and dedicated teachers, Mr. Leo Dalpe and Mr. John Cleary moderate the Student Council. Under their leadership and motivation, the Student Council has become a strong student vehicle for promoting student leadership.

Yearly Events conducted by the Student Council:

During the School Year: The Student Council serves as a liaison to the School Committee and maintains membership in the School Council, which yearly produces a School Improvement Plan, which is submitted to the School Committee and the Massachusetts Department of Education.

April: Students take part in Student Government Day at the State House in Boston.

May: Two \$500 Scholarships are awarded to the seniors by the Council. The money comes from the Council's many fundraising activities.

June and September: Orientations are held for incoming seventh graders. Also, the Council coordinates student class elections.

October: Spirit Week is planned and conducted in its entirety by the students. Highlights of Spirit Week are Homecoming, Spirit Links donations for student scholarships, and many theme days such as black and white day and formal day. All monies collected during spirit week are returned to students by way of two five hundred-dollar scholarships.

November: The Thanksgiving Food Drive which provides a Thanksgiving meal and additional foodstuffs for many families who struggle during the holiday season.

December: The Christmas Toy Drive which provides new toys to children of needy families in the Bellingham area.

FEDERAL AND STATE PROJECT GRANTS

Paul J. Primavera, Coordinator of the Federal and State Project Grants reported another substantial increase in grant funding. Last year Bellingham was awarded 12 grants totaling \$547,184. This year Bellingham was awarded 15 grants totaling \$691,856. This successful effort was the result of the coordinator and other grant writers, Dr. Francis Driscoll, Pamela Fuhrman, Mary Jo Jones, Jacqueline Farese, Barbara Flanagan, and John Bonin.

TECHNOLOGY - SYSTEM WIDE

Mrs. Kelly Ahrens was appointed Systems Administrator for Bellingham Public Schools on August 1, 1998. Mrs. Ahrens earned her Bachelor of Science degree from California State University and her Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer certification from Boston University. Mrs. Ahrens is charged with implementing the Local (LAN) and Wide (WAN) Area Networks designed by the Technology Committee, a volunteer group of Bellingham's finest computer literate citizens. All school computer labs will have Internet access by early spring. Elementary classrooms will go on line over the summer.

Combining the efforts of teachers, administrators, parents, and community volunteers, an Acceptable Use Policy was written and then adopted as policy by the Bellingham School Committee in June of 1998.

The Massachusetts Department of Education awarded \$42,000 to Bellingham Public Schools for a Technology Professional Development Grant, written to Mrs. Gail Callahan, Director of Technology K - 12. The grant provided monies for on and off site technology courses and workshops, off site memberships to various technology organization, and a Bellingham Public Schools Leadership Team. Eighty-seven staff members took advantage of the Fall listing of courses and workshops. A second round of courses will run in the Spring. Bellingham Public

Schools purchased memberships is MassCue and the MESPA Technology Center. The Bellingham Public Schools Leadership Team consist of Judy O'Keefe - Early Childhood Center, Maryclare Burke - Clara May Elementary School, Scott Paul - Stall Brook Elementary School, Jane Crook and Mary Capriole - South Elementary School, Glenn Garipey - Bellingham Memorial Jr/Sr High School, and Gail Callahan and Kelly Ahrens.

Bellingham Public Schools were awarded a grant by the Schools and Libraries Corporation for \$8,195.86 for the schools basic telephone bills for Internet Access. This grant was written by Mrs. Callahan.

BELLINGHAM SCHOOL PERSONNEL

<u>Position</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cent. Office</u>	<u>Mem. Jr/Sr</u>	<u>Primavera Center</u>	<u>Macy</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Stall Brook</u>
Superintendent	1	1					
Business Administrator	1	1					
Special Education Director	1	1					
Director of Maintenance	1	1					
Director of Technology	1	1					
Principal	5		1	1	1	1	1
Assistant Principal	2		2				
School Psychologist	1				.5		.5
Guidance Supervisor	1		1				
Guidance Counselor	3		3				
Adjustment Counselor	2		1		.4		.6
Elementary Teacher	82				24.5	29	28.5
Secondary Teacher	59		58	1			
Special Ed Teacher	26		8.4		3.2	8.2	6.2
Special Ed. Coordinator	1	1					
Elem. Spec. Ed Coordinator	2				.5	1	.5
Nurses	5		1	1	1	1	1
Teacher Aides	32		6	0	6	8	12
Library Assistant	3				1	1	1
Technician	3		3				
Secretary/Clerk	13	5	3	1	1.3	1.4	1.3
Bookkeeper	1	1					
Assist. Bookkeeper	1	1					
Payroll Clerk	1	1					
Substitute Teacher Clerk	*1	1					
Custodians	20	1	7	1	3	4	4
Cafeteria Workers	24		9		4	4	7
Bus Monitor	3	3					
TOTALS	296	19	103.4	5	46.4	58.6	63.6

* Substitute Teacher Clerk works 15 hours weekly during school year taking calls from teachers for substitute replacements.

Federal, State, Grant Funded positions not included in above:

Director of Curriculum

Program Coordinator

2 Title I Teachers; 2 Title I Parent Aides

11 Special Education Teachers, 1 Therapist, 4 Teacher Aides, 1 Clerk

Early Childhood Program for 3 & 4-year olds, 7 Teachers, 8 Aides, 1 Clerk and 1 Custodian.

BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1998

Grade	Macy	South	Stall Brook	Memorial Jr./Sr.	Primavera Center (All SPED)
K	46	79	49		
1	64	86	83		
2	57	84	59		
3	61	90	77		
4	57	99	78		
5	66	97	67		
6	72	79	63		
7				208	4
8				185	7
9				189	16
10				145	13
11				132	6
12				135	5
Special Education		25	32	4	All
Totals	423	639	508	998	51
Grand Total			2619		

Athletic Budget Summary 1998

	No. Of Teams	No. Of Coaches	Coaches Salaries	Equipment	Game Officials	Home Personnel	Transportation	Gate Receipts	Total	Per Student Cost
Trainer	3		6000	2750					8750	
Football (5)		60	16044	1500	3300	2000	2843	9758	35445	*428
Soccer, Boys (2)	2	35	5457	1000	1636	350	1606	2282	12331	*287
Soccer, Girls (2)	2	30	5457	1000	1656	150	821	710	9794	*302
Volleyball (3)	3	31	6178	1000	1460	355	1054	1966	12013	*324
Field Hockey (4)	4	65	8341	1500	2824	300	3285	2238	18488	*250
Basketball, Boys (4)	4	56	11701	1250	3460	2100	2009	2980	23500	*366
Basketball, Girls (4)	4	54	11701	1250	3174	750	1577	1650	20102	*341
Ice Hockey (1)	1	20	3915	10000	1618	2500	1251	1360	20644	*964
Indoor Track B & G (3)	2	50	6085	500	871	0	800	0	8256	165
Baseball (3)	3	45	5673	1500	2232	0	2098	0	11503	256
Softball (3)	3	45	5673	1500	1500	0	1754	0	10427	232
Track B & G (3)	2	89	7453	500	605	1000	2149	0	11707	132
Cheerleaders, Winter	1	20	1293	500	0	0	0	0	1793	90
Cheerleaders, Fall	1	20	1293	500	0	0	0	0	1793	90
Cross Country	1	23	2294	500	0	0	715	0	3509	153
Golf	1	20	0	1500	0	0	900	0	2400	120
SUBTOTAL		663	104558	28250	24336	9505	22862	22944	212455	
Administration									5982	
T.V.L. Dues									1500	
Insurance									5500	
Reconditioning									3000	
TOTAL									228437	
Gate Receipts									22944	
Revolving Fund Susp.									1500	
Total Funded									203993	
*minus Gate Receipts										

Federal and State Project Grants

Listed below is a summary of Federal and State Project Grants received during the School/Fiscal Year of July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998.

TITLE I FUNDS

Title I Project Encouragement	\$126,539.00
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SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANTS

P. L. 94-142 Project Assist	\$227,610.00
Early Childhood Project (SPED)	\$ 27,930.00
SPED: Supporting Access to Curriculum	\$ 11,804.00

MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE GRANTS

Dwight D. Eisenhower K - 12 Grant	\$ 6,499.00
PALMS Professional Development Grant	\$ 3,924.00

CHAPTER 188 GRANTS

Early Childhood Project	\$ 52,000.00
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DRUG FREE SCHOOLS ACT P.L. 99-570

K-12 Programs	\$ 11,900.00
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MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Goals 2000 - Professional Development Grant	\$ 9,051.00
Title VI Distribution	\$ 5,622.00
Health Education Grant	\$ 57,176.00
Teen Dating Violence Prevention Grant	\$ 7,129.00
IT Bond Technology Grant	\$ 77,640.00
FY98 Foundation Reserve Program ("Pot Hole")	\$ 45,000.00

Total Fiscal Year 1997-1998 Project Grants	\$669,824.00
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EXPENDITURES JULY 1997 TO JUNE 1998

School Committee	56,451.21
Administration	160,825.96
Business Office	264,559.65
Supervision	142,711.52
Principals Office	657,691.57
Principal Technology	7,727.00
Instruction	7,797,143.69
Professional Development	218,572.74
Textbooks	51,705.09
Instructional Hard & Software	7,080.95
Library Services	103,789.04
Audio Visual Services	2,365.94
Guidance Services	228,855.05
Psychological Services	167,206.48
Attendance Services	8,220.00
Health Services	97,439.39
Athletic Services	135,106.16
Other Student Activities	13,990.00
Custodial Services	692,150.43
Heating of Building	108,475.03
Utility Services	234,366.79
Maintenance of Grounds	30,913.79
Maintenance of Buildings	213,561.09
Maintenance of Equipment	40,057.70
Network/Communications	11,564.98
Rental & Lease	32,218.79
Recreation Services	- 0 -
Acquisition of Equipment	39,292.00
Capital Technology	39,000.00
Long Term Debt Service	4,057.63
Mass Public Schools	161,478.05
Non Public Tuitions	234,492.28
Collaboratives	111,143.00
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR 97 - 98 SCHOOL YEAR	 12,074,213.00
Regular Transportation	550,440.00
Late Buses	3,815.00
Kindergarten Buses	10,560.00
Vocational Transportation	5,625.00
SPED Pupil Transportation	331,311.00
 TOTAL TRANSPORTATION FOR 97-98 SCHOOL YEAR	 901,751.00

